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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	
		FRIDAY, 5 P.M.	
R.I. CALEDONIA	7558	W. B. Andrews	20th Aug.
* SHANNON	4302	J. F. Jephson	27th "
R.I. ROME	5845	A. B. Daniell	3rd Sept.
M * GANGES	4252	T. F. Creery	10th "
		SATURDAY, 2 P.M.	
R.I. INDIA	7911	W. G. Worcester	18th Sept.
* SHANNON	4302	J. F. Jephson	25th "
R.I. ORIENTAL	6301	L. H. Moule	2nd Octr.
* PENINSULAR	5132	W. A. Wheler	9th "
R.I. BRITANIA	6525	J. I. Parfitt	16th "
* SHANNON	4302	J. F. Jephson	23rd "
R.M. CALEDONIA	7558	W. B. Andrews	30th "
* CARTHAGE	6292	W. J. Nantes	6th Nov.
R.I. EGYPT	5009	R. F. Briscoe	13th "

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EDUSA	T. Androvich	3,769	12th Oct.

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RAGHLIEN	4,049	Garbe	1st October.
YARRA	4,255	Le Coispellier	29th October.

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Consignees are hereby expressly notified that all Claims for Damage must be adjusted by the Steamer's Surveyor before the Goods are removed from the Landing Shed. The Undersigned decline all responsibilities in respect of Goods removed to the unclaimed Warehouse. All claims must be presented before the sailing of the Steamer, otherwise none will be entertained.

Captain CLARK will attend every morning to survey Damages.

KILLICK, NIXON & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 14th, August, 1897.

THE Temperley Line Chartered S. S. "MATIN" has ARRIVED from GLASGOW and NEWPORT and DISCHARGES in the DOCK.

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"The steamer having experienced bad weather during her course to Karachi the first port of discharge, and sustained damage and loss owing to her engines having broken down, consignees are requested to deal with us in 5 per cent. of the invoice va ue of goods imported by them, so as to cover the expenditure incurred which may form a charge on cargo or some part thereof or be the subject of general average contribution. Consignees requested to sign the average bond before applying for delivery order."

KILLICK, NIXON & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 14th August, 1897.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE BANK will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, that day being a Public Holiday under the "Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881."

J. BEGBIE,
Offg. Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 14th August, 1897.

PRINCE RANJITSINGHJI.

MESSRS. BARCLAY BROTHERS of mark Lane, London, have arranged FOR SALE in India Prince Ranjitsinghji's Photogravure (by special permission of the Prince) from painting from life by the well known Artist Mr. H. Jamyn Brooks. The Picture is life like, and the Prince is represented Bat in hand at the Wicket.

A copy of the Picture is on view at the ORIENTAL COMMERCIAL AGENCY'S, Show Rooms, No. 50-52, Medows, Street, Fort, Bombay, where orders may be Registered.

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BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Chamber of Commerce will be held of the Chamber, Graham's Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, 18th instant, at 4 P.M., to CONSIDER a Telegram from the President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce in connection with the PROPOSED HOUR of DEPARTURE of the HOMEWARD MAIL STEAMER from Bombay under the new CONTRACT with the P. and O. S. N. Company, which comes into force from 1st February, 1898.

By order of the Committee.

C. J. MICHAEL,
Assistant Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, 16th August 1897.

WOODEN SLEEPERS.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of ORDINARY SLEEPERS of SAL or IRONWOOD (Inga Scyl-carpa) size 10 feet by 10 inches by 5 inches. The rate quoted per sleeper must include delivery at Bezwada or Ennore the termine of the Bezwada Madras Railway. Arrangements will be made to pass lots of Sleepers of not less than 400 in number at any Station on the East Coast, Southern Mahratta, South Indian or Madras Railways. Lots of less than 400 will be passed at the places of delivery mentioned above. Tenderer should state the number they undertake to supply and the date of completion of delivery. In the event of tenders being at the same or nearly the same rate preference will be given to the lots, which will be delivered earliest. For further particulars and forms of Tender apply to the—

ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
Bezwada, Madras Railway, Madras.

Who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Bombay, 14th August, 1897.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim DIVIDEND at the Rate of Rs. 20 per Share FREE of INCOME TAX has been DECLARED for the Half-year ending 30th June, 1897, payable at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 14, Rampart Row, on and after ONDAY, the 13th September, 1897, between 11 a.m., and 3 p.m., to Shareholders whose names stand on the Company's Register on the 27th August, 1897, on production of their hare Certificates.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h, 42m. Sun sets, 6h. 29m. High water, 2-9m., 2-2a. Low water, 7-35m., 8-4a.
Wilson Philological Lecture, by Rev. R. Scott, Convocation Hall, 5-15 p.m.
Music at the Yacht Club, 5-45 p.m.

CRICKET.

Bombay Gymkhana vs. Poona.

POLO.—There will be a game, to-day, at 5 p.m. (weather permitting).

REPORTED THEFT AT COLOBA DEPOT.—John Brady, a soldier belonging to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, has reported to the police the theft of wearing apparel, valued at Rs. 12, from his room at Colaba Depot, some time during Friday last.

A BOMBAY MEDICAL STUDENT.—Among the students who were successful at the examination last month for the triple qualification of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, was Miss Mildred Eva Graham, daughter of Mr. H. W. Graham, of Bombay.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—The Hon'ble Dr. Bhalchandra, Messrs. S.D. Khote, Rustom Pestonji Jehangir, Hari Sitaram Dixit, and Dr. C. E. Dadachanji seek election in the D Ward at the ensuing general elections. They are all old members, with the exception of Mr. Rustom, who comes forward to fill the place of Mr. Jejeebhoy Petit, who is not likely to seek re-election.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT DAMAUN.—On Friday night, the house of Sookhanand Appaji, situate in Purbhoo Street, at Lower Damaun, opposite the house of Khatri Vithal Makund, who was recently robbed of his buried ornaments, was broken open by robbers, who dug the whole of the ground floor with a view to discover any buried treasure, but as the owner had taken the precaution of not leaving his valuables behind him, the labour of the robbers was lost and they had to go disappointed.

GRANT COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the society will be held in the Grant College Library, at 4-30, this evening. Business: (1) The minutes of the last meeting to be read and confirmed; (2) Drs. Cowasji Temulji Pardiwala and K. M. Gimi to be elected members of the society; (3) A short paper on Indigenous Vegetable Refrigerants and Anthelmintics, by Dr. L. B. Dhargalkar; (4) To transact such other business as may be brought forth by the honorary secretaries.

FOOTBALL.—A football match will be played, this evening, between the Y. M. C. A. and Telegraph Football clubs, on the Cooperage. Kick-off, 5-15. The following are the teams:—Telegraph—J. Steer, G. Harland (capt.), W. Sell, W. Macqueen, J. Edwards, A. Michael, Mason (capt.), T. J. Mackey, F. Harris, H. Pell, W. Mayes: E. Chitts and Rae, and E. Parkins. Reserves—Martin, E. James, W. Sinclair, Y. M. C. A.—V. Murch, W. Peyton, P. Ross, E. E. Waller (capt.), W. Cl[illegible] H. Veevers, and E. D. Smith, A. L. Smith, W. Jones, W. Garratt. Reserve: R. Laxton.

BURGLARY AT KHARA TALAO ROAD.—Hussonali Lookmanji, a Borah merchant, locked the door of his house, at Khara Talao Road, on the 14th inst., and went to Sion in company of his family. On the following morning, he was informed by his servant, who occupies a room opposite to that of complainant, that his place had been broken into, the lock of the door having been wrenched off. The complainant returned to Bombay, and on making an examination of his room, discovered a box broken open, and wearing apparel, of the collective value of Rs. 285, stolen therefrom.

A PICK-POCKET AT THE KALBADAVIE POST OFFICE.—Purshotom Babin, a Hindu, went to the Kalbadavie Post Office, on Saturday morning, taking with him in the pocket of his coat currency notes and cash, to the amount of Rs. 202-8, to be sent up-country by a money order. While he was standing at the office amongst a crowd of persons, who had gone there for the same purpose, the pocket containing the money was cut clean out. Owing to the great crush of people the complainant could not give any information as to how the deed was done. He discovered the loss only on putting his hands into his pocket.

PROFESSOR VAN TASSELL AT KISHENGURH.—Professor Van Tassel made a successful balloon ascent and parachute jump, on Sunday evening, by order of his Highness Maharajah Kishengurh. His Highness, his staff, and many thousands of people, almost the entire population of Kishengurh and surrounding villages, were present. The balloon rose a height of 7,000 feet, when the Professor cut loose and landed half-mile from the starting point at the top of the mountain. He received loud and hearty congratulations on his return. All feel grateful to his Highness for the grand treat afforded them.

MUSIC AT THE YACHT CLUB.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry, under the direction of Bandmaster A Maliandaine, will play the following programme, this evening, at 5-45 (weather permitting):—

March of the Peers	Iolanthe ... Sullivan
Selection from	The Geisha ... Sidney Jones
Graceful Dance	Dulce ... Tovey
Fantasia	The Rose of Castille ... Balfe
Valse	Espana ... Waldteufel
Galop	Vivacity ... Coraggio

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

REPORTED THEFT BY A SERVANT.—Shaik Boodun Emambux, residing on the third floor of a house at Old Bazar Road, Mandvie, reported to the police, on Saturday morning, that during his absence from home between the hours of 7 and 11 p.m. on the previous night, his servant, Ebrahim, aged twenty-two years, opened a box by means of the key, which had been left hanging close by, and having abstracted therefrom a metal watch, pieces of embroidered wearing apparel and cash, in all collectively valued at Rs. 117, absconded. The absconding servant had been in the complainant's service for about fifteen days only.

STRAIGHT TO HIS STABLE.—On Saturday evening, a lad, named Robert Chadderson, aged fifteen years, residing with his brother-in-law, Mr. Sattersall, at Government House Road, Parel, was riding a horse along the Parel Road, when, near the Albion Buildings, the animal took fright at a passing tram car and bolted towards home. The boy stuck to his saddle, but could not pull up, and the horse, in his rapid career, knocked down, near the Tram terminus, a Purdasee, named Devideen Bhola, aged thirty-two years, causing several cuts about the face. The injured man was removed to the J. J. Hospital. The horse stopped at his stable.

THE FAMOUS INDIAN CRICKETER.—Prince Ranjitsinghji will probably be in Bombay at no distant date, and anything connected with him will be read with interest at the present cricketing season. Messrs. Barclay Brothers, of Mark Lane, London, picture dealers, have published a lifelike photogravaure of the Prince, from a painting from life by the well-known artist, Mr. H. Jamyn Brooks. The Prince is represented bat in hand at the wicket. A copy may be seen at the Oriental Commercial Agency's Show Rooms, No. 50-52, Medows Street, Fort, where intending purchasers of the photogravaure—which will in each case be signed by the famous cricketer—may get their orders registered. We refer our readers to an advertisement in another column regarding the picture.

CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF MAHOMED.—The usual anniversary celebration of the birthday ceremony of Prophet Mahomed was performed by the R. I. M. Dockyard employes, at Mahim, in the bungalow of Mr. Esmail Jetha, on Saturday, the 14th instant. About a hundred Mahomedan employes of the R. I. M. Dockyard were present. After the "Mowlood Shariff" had been performed, Mr. Syed Hassan delivered an interesting address on the birth and life of Mahomed, which was heard with close attention. On the motion of Mr. Mahomed Hashum, Engineer of the R. I. M. steamer Margarita, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the speaker and to Messrs. Shaik Ismail Mistry and Ebrahim Turner for their able management. On the following morning a dinner party was held in commemoration of the Prophet Mahomed's birthday, and after the distribution of pan and attar the proceedings were brought to a close.

TRYING TO TAKE IN A PADRE.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Dosa Karimman was charged, at the instance of Constable Hobson, with demanding more than his legal fare from Rev. Mr. Nelson, junior Chaplain on the Bombay Establishment. From the evidence it appeared that accused's conveyance was engaged at the Apollo Hotel and went to Colaba. Accused was offered eight annas, but he refused to accept it and kicked up a row. After hearing the evidence, his Worship remarked that the conduct of the accused was unjustifiable. Complaints against hack victoria drivers had become very frequent, and their conduct was found to have been blame-worthy in the majority of cases. Accused had no right to demand an excess fare and to put people using his conveyance to unnecessary trouble and expense. He was fined seven rupees.

A CHANCE TO IMPROVE.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, Inspector Williamson charged Sewram Rajana, Customs clerk in the service of Ruttonji Ramji and Co., with stealing seven tolas of silver, belonging to his master. Mr. Sraly, pleader, appeared for the accused. The accused, it appears, was entrusted with a packet of silver bits, weighing about 65 tolas, the bits being chipped out of blocks for fixing valuation according to the standard of test. The accused stole seven bits and concealed them in his house. Next day, when the employers asked for an explanation as to how the packet became short in weight, he became confused and admitted the offence. The prosecution did not press the charge, as accused had been in police custody since Saturday night. The magistrate considered the fact of accused being respectably connected, and with a view to give him a chance of reformation, sentenced him to a day's imprisonment and fined him Rs. 20.

A REMARKABLE FAILURE OF MEMORY.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Rama Arjoon was brought up on remand and charged with theft of a chinchi. The complainant, a Ghatti, employed in a warehouse, stepped into the witness box, and being asked his name, could not recollect it. After pausing for a few minutes, he said: "What can I do; I can't recollect it." The magistrate then asked him if he knew his father's name, and he said he had forgotten that too. The police sepoy in charge of the case being asked what name he had given to the police, said it was Tookaram Bapu. Complainant hearing this, at once cheered up, and said "Yes, yes, that's my name." The case was then proceeded with, and accused being found guilty of having removed the chinchi from complainant's pocket, was sentenced to fifteen days' rigorous imprisonment.

PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF HOUSES.—On Saturday, a portion of the south wall of a three-storeyed house, belonging to one Hussain Mea Chimnaji, at Chuckla, collapsed and fell into the sweeper's gully. The house had been occupied by a number of tenants, all of whom vacated it on being warned by the Municipal authorities.—About 7 o'clock, the same evening, the front and two side walls of a two-storeyed house, belonging to Dhunji Anundji, at Coombarvada, gave way and part of them fell into the house and a part into the street. The inmates escaped by the back stair case. The damage is estimated at Rs. 600.—At 1 o'clock, on Sunday morning, the roof of a house, situated at the 5th Lane, Kamatipoora, and belonging to one Dawoodbhoy Sarufally, fell in. The house contained fourteen rooms, occupied by 35 tenants, who were apprised on hearing the rafters crack, and vacated the house before the roof came down. The Municipal authorities were informed.—On the same day a portion of the east or side wall of a house, belonging to a Khoja, named Dawoodbhoy Hussonbhoy, at Ghorupdeo Road, gave way. The place was occupied by ten tenants, all of whom have vacated it.

A BRUTAL REVENGE.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Vithoo Govind, a mill-hand, employed in the Hindustan Mill, was charged by Superintendent Nolan, before Mr. S. B. Spencer, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, with voluntarily causing grievous hurt to Balia Appa, a muccadum employed in the weaving department of the same mill. Mr. Vellinker, pleader, defended the accused. About 6 o'clock, on Saturday morning, the complainant, in company of two of his friends, was on his way to the mill, when, on the Ripon Road, the accused, who was following them with a stick in his hand, rushed on complainant and delivered him a severe blow with the stick, causing a wound on the back of the right ear. Complainant fell down insensible, bleeding from the wound, when accused dealt him four more blows, inflicting injuries to the other parts of the body, and then absconded. The police came on the scene, and removed the injured man to J. J. Hospital, where his wounds were dressed, and he was allowed to go home. About five hours after the police arrested the accused in his house. The assault is attributed to some enmity existing between the party on account of the accused frequenty visiting complainant's chawl and interfering with the married women residing therein, and a scuffle between the complainant and accused was said to have taken place on the previous evening. The accused denied the charge, stating that he was at home on the morning of the day in question and knew nothing about the assault. The stick with blood marks on it was produced by the police, and it did not belong to him. The magistrate convicted accused and sentenced him to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

FATAL RESULT OF AN ASSAULT.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an enquiry, yesterday afternoon, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, touching the death of Abdulla Addum, a Mahomedan, aged thirty-two years, who was, on the 19th of June [illegible] assaulted by two men, named Mahomed Sultan and Abdul Rahiman, sustaining injuries on his head and left foot, which resulted in death at the hospital on Sunday evening. The circumstances under which the deceased was alleged to have [illegible] ces undertaken in his master's eating-house by the two [illegible] been assaulted as the dying deposition of the deceased men, as w[illegible] Mr. Webb, Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, [illegible] have been published in these columns. From the evidence of the acting House Surgeon of the Hospital to the [illegible] it appears that when the deceased was brought dressed and he was allowed to go home. [illegible] juries were [illegible]owing day the injured leg became swollen. On the follo[illegible] again brought to the hospital and admitted. A fe[illegible]spilas, which made the man delirious. when he was [illegible]few days after admission, fever set in, followed by ery[illegible]pneumonic symptoms developed, and On the 9th J[illegible] abscess was formed on the injured leg. Diarrhoea foll[illegible]owed, his condition became worse, and he died exhau[illegible]tion held on the body, showed *post mortem* examinat[illegible]memberane were congested, that the brain and its[illegible]jury brought in a verdict so also the lungs. The[illegible]ceased was due to exhaustion that the death of the de[illegible]abscess and diarrhoea, contribution caused by erysipilas, the left leg, which was consequent on the injury on those act was under circumstances tantamount to cal[illegible]

SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. [illegible]ANGELINO DE SOUZA.—On Saturday, writes a correspo[illegible]ndent, the Portuguese community of Bombay was [illegible]d by the death of Dr. Anmost distinguished mem[illegible]bers the deceased gentleman, gelino de Souza, of Mahim. The services to the plague who had quite recently lent his [illegible] early on the morning committee at Bandora, left home [illegible] of health, to attend of that day, apparently in the best[illegible]; but scarcely had to his duties at the Bandora statio[illegible]he began to feel he alighted on the platform, whe[illegible]in a few minutes symptoms of heart-disease, and [illegible] suddenly. Of his arrival he succumbed to th[illegible]d the best part usual formalities of an inquest occupi[illegible]rly at a-quarter of the time till near noon, and it was o[illegible]his residence. to twelve that his body was conveyed to[illegible]w and child. The intense grief of the deceased's widow described: ren is more adequately conceived than[illegible] friends is and the keen sorrow of his relatives and[illegible] Dr. Angeequally impotent of expression. The [illegible]atson of Mr. lino de Souza was the only surviving [illegible]nary age. Mathew de Souza, who, more than half-a-c[illegible] Sholapur' held the appointment of Deputy Collector [illegible]ement de He and his brother, the late Dr. Philip Cl[illegible]t repre- Souza, J.P., F.U.B., etc., were two eminen[illegible]ne as a sentatives of the medical profession, the [illegible]one other graduate of the Grant Medical College, and the degree as a Licentiate of Medicine. After he took his [illegible]nt in the late Dr. A. de Souza served the Government [illegible]l various appointments, at Bombay, Sholapur, [illegible]ally gaum, Baroda, and elsewhere, retiring eventu[illegible]the upon a pension honorably earned. He spent [illegible]his last fifteen years of his life in the bosom of [illegible]er family, at Mahim. In the earlier part of his caree[illegible], he travelled a great deal in Europe. He was indeed, a man loved and respected by all who knew him, of a nature genial, sympathetic, and benevolent, and his death has been a severe blow to those near and dear to him as well as to a wide circle of admirers. The funeral took place at 10 a.m., on Sunday, the corpse having been consigned to its last resting place, in the Dharavie Cemetery, by noon. The chief mourner was the deceased's only son, Mr. Louis Philip de Souza, now graduating in the Local University. Dr. A. de Souza was born on the 9th of January, 1830, reaching at death the ripe age of sixty-seven years and eight months. He leaves behind him a widow, son, and three daughters.

THE FAMINE.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

Last week's Central Provinces Season reports are summarised in the following General Remarks:—Weather cloudy with good falls of rain at intervals throughout the Provinces. More is required in the Tirora tahsil of Bhandara and the Simga tahsil of Raipur; also in parts of Chanda and Bilaspur—all rice growing tracts. But a short break would be beneficial to juari, especially in Betul and Chhindwara. In these districts the early kutki has come to maturity and is being harvested. Some damage has been caused by insects to juari and till in Hoshangabad, Nimar and Betul. Transplantation of rice continues; also the bissi (thinning) operation in Chhattisgarh. Other summer crops are being weeded. Preparation of land for winter sowings progresses. Fodder still scarce in parts of Nagpur and Bhandara. Prices are stationary in 7 districts, and have fluctuated slightly elsewhere. The numbers of relief-workers have decreased by 34,000, while there is an addition of 12,000 to the number of those gratuitously relieved. One test-work was opened in the south of the Damoh district, which attracted 23 persons. Numbers on relief-works—Saugor 23,220, Damoh 27,285, Jubbulpore, 31,034 Mandla 12,068, Seoni 5,163, Narsinghpur 15,028, Hoshangabad 33,319, Nimar 748, Betul 7,335, Chhindwara 15,198, Wardha 2,014, Nagpur 9,295, Bhandara 15,397, Balaghat 32,853, Raipur 39,539 Bilaspur 44,521 and Sambalpur 875; total 3,15,132. Numbers on gratuitous relief—Saugor 15,235, Damoh 17,344, Jubbulpore 48,369, Mandla 7,014, Seoni 8,439, Narsinghpur 13,385 Hoshangabad 13,523, Nimar 1,375, Betul 4,054 Chhindwara 4,045, Wardha, 641, Nagpur 7,206 Chanda 2,113, Bhandara 11,374, Balaghat 15,281, Raipur 25,243, Bilaspur 08,056 and Sambalpur 174; total 2,56,074. There were also 20,870 persons employed on railway and other private works. Details of relief-workers—men 97,767, women 1,47,617 and children 69,007, with 141 unclassed. Dependants—men 2,411, women 3,200 and children 42,080, with 1,055 unclassed Poor-houses—men 6,671, women 9,224 and children 14,460. Otherwise relieved—men 5, 2[illegible]109, women 32,050 and children 83,271, with 53,833 unclassed. Test-works—men 6, women 15 and childreand. Wage prices—Saugor, Damoh, Mandla, and Chhindwara 3, Jubbulpore, Narsinghpur and Nagpur 2, Seoni 2 3-4, Hoshangabad and Raipur 2 1-2, Nimar, Bhandara and Bilaspur 2 1-2, Betul and Balaghat 2, Wardha 10, Chanda 2 3-4 and Sambalpur 2 1-4.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE officers wounded at Malakand, Chakdara and Shabkadr are reported to be doing well. Colonel Lamb, whose leg was amputated a few days ago, is doing as well as can be expected after such a severe operation.

THE caste constitution of the 9th Bombay Infantry has been altered in respect of its two Mahomedan companies, which are to be recruited from Rajputana and Central India instead of from Bombay.

THE Hindus of Peshawar are said to be in a state of alarm, fearing lest they will be looted by Mahomedan "budmashes". There was rumour that a fire would be started, and while the police were engaged with it the Hindu quarter would be rushed.

IT is reported from Ootacamand that a dynamite accident has occurred there in connection with the lake reclamation work, which resulted in the death of a sepoy of the 4th *Pioneers*. The man approached an unexploded charge contrary to orders, and he was removing some stones when the charge exploded. Death was instantaneous.

MR. HIGHAM, having completed his report on the working of the relief systems in the famine tracts, has resumed his appointment of Inspector-General of Irrigation. Mr. Upcott, who has been officiating as Director-General of Railways during Colonel Gracey's absence on privilege leave, remains on in the Public Works Department on special duty. Mr. Woolley Dod has reverted to his substantive post of Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

LAST week's famine reports show a reduction of 222,000 in the number of persons receiving relief. Every province with the exception of Burma (1,100) and Hyderabad (824) showed a decrease. The numbers in Bengal fell by 72,000, in Madras by 50,500, in the North-west Provinces by 34,000, and in the Central Provinces by 21,400. The numbers actually on relief works in all India are now under 1½ millions, of whom over half a million pertain to Madras. The number gratuitously relieved is also less than 1½ millions of whom one-third are found in the North-West Provinces. We have plainly now seen the worst of the famine.

THE Chamla Valley, to which a Malakand correspondent refers brings to mind the Umbeyla campaign, the last, one might say, in which a combination of the tribes has been able to really hold in check a British force of any size. The fighting on the Umbeyla pass was to prevent our passing up this valley on our way to destroy Malka, the settlement of the Hindustani fanatics. The latter had carefully spread the report that our true intention was to seize the valleys of Chamla, Boner and Swat and the tribesmen therefore engaged us under the impression that they were fighting for their homes. The memory of this campaign still lingers in these valleys, and the force to which our Malakand correspondent refers, may have set out under the delusion that they would find the task to keep us in check no harder than did their fathers before them. But their opinion must have soon begun to waver, when the news of the losses on the Malakand reached their ears. The Jadun are a tribe of Afghans, who reside partly on the south slopes of the Mahaban mountain and partly in the Hazara district; and the Khuddu Khel are a section of the Sadozai division of the Utmanzai Yusafzais; they inhabit the south slopes of the Sarpatai mountain. Neither of these tribes have been difficult to manage in the past. Provided there is no general rising of Buners, who practically lord it over this section of the frontier, but little further trouble need be anticipated in this quarter.

IN all years remarks, a contemporary, the variations in the amount of the monsoon rainfall over India, according to the position of the recording station with reference to the rain-bearing current, are enormous; but this year these variations are intensified, because from some cause the rainfall in those regions which ordinarily receive heavy rain have had excessively heavy falls, and those regions which nominally receive light falls have had even less than usual. Thus Tavoy in Tenasserim has received during the 72 days, between June 1st and August 11th, 141 inches of rain, or an average of nearly 2 inches a day, and nearly 40 inches more than the average; and Calicut and Malabar has had during the same period 109 inches, or 1½ inches per day, and 39 inches more than the average. As opposed to this we have Negapatam with only 0·21 inches, Bellary and Nellore with only 3 inches, Dera Ismail Khan with only 1¼ inch, Multan with only 2 inches, and Ahmednagar with only 3½ inches. In each of these cases the rainfall is not expected to be very heavy no doubt, but in every one the total fall this year is very much less than the average, so that the contrasts in the rainfall are intensified in those regions which could without any inconvenience do with less than their normal fall recording a large excess, while those other regions to which every drop of rain is of importance record a deficient supply.

A literary policeman is somewhat of a novelty. He has been developed in Melbborne, Australia. In the brief intervals of leisure permitted by conscientious promenading of his beat, he found time to write and publish two books—A Dictionary of Colonial Criminal Slang and a Manual of Police Duty. The celebrity he thus acquired inspired ambition, and made him not unnaturally discontented with a calling pronounced by so competent an authority as Mr. W. S. Gilbert to be rarely linked with unalloyed happiness. So he has quitted the force and joined the ranks of the journalists. He has started a new weekly in Melbourne called the Alert, which he alliteratively describes as "a paper for the people, politicians, publicans, police, paterfamilias, patrons of sport and the public generally."

As it is now the fashion to wind up wars with a "rectification of frontier," the "Britisher" who writes to a contemporary suggesting the proper rectification which ought to follow war between Britain and the United States is quite in order, though perhaps a little premature. He suggests that we ought to annex Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and part of New York State. This would give Canada an open seaport and shorten the wooden frontier by several hundred miles. The United States would, of course, have no objection to lengthen the Canadian frontier; but they would to shorten it to the same means of doing so. not choose[illegible]less, there is no harm in letting them know Neverthe[illegible] of us have "views" too.

An experience similar to that of Calcutta during [illegible] feared by the Hindus of Peshawar, accor- the riots is [illegible] contemporary which writes:—They are ding to a [illegible] at the Amir is at the bottom of the convinced th[illegible]ing, and they believe that the Mussal- Mohmand ri[illegible]med a plot to loot the Hindu quarter of mans have fo[illegible] is rumoured that a fire will be started the town. [illegible] the police are engaged on it, the and that whil[illegible]s will be rushed and sacked. If it Hindu quarte[illegible] Amir is actively stimulating these is true that t[illegible] some section of the Afridis are up, risings, and th[illegible] to be more lively times on the there are likely [illegible]have yet seen, and the formation frontier than we [illegible]ird Reserve Brigade looks as if of a second and t[illegible] preparing for further development. Government wer[illegible]

It would be [illegible]nteresting to know, observes the Calcutta paper, h[illegible]ow far Government has gone with the sale of one-fi[illegible]th of the Eastern Bengal Railway to the Rothschild[illegible]. The story is that it is driven by the want of four millions to this expedient [illegible] the working of the line is to be sterling and that [illegible] Bengal and North-Western. In made over to the [illegible]eed to the Tirhut State Railway view of what happ[illegible]ily disposed of the outlook of the when it was simila[illegible]ar from brilliant. The transac- Eastern Bengal is [illegible]better than a deliberate secrition indeed, is little[illegible] interests which are dependent fice of the mercantile[illegible]king of the line. Surely the upon the efficient wo[illegible]e had a right to be consulted Chamber of Commer[illegible]such an important step was by Government before[illegible]Government has a weakness taken. Apparently, [illegible]er bargains, and imagines for these hole-and-corn[illegible]likes with the railway system that it is free to do as it [illegible] of the great trading interests of Bengal, regardless of the convenience of the travelling public. Is it to [illegible] late to protest against this iniquitous proceeding

SIR ATWELL KING LAKE, sixth baronet, has died at East Dulwich, at the age of sixty-three. The eldest son of Sir James Samuel Lebe, by his marriage with Anne Maria, daughter of the late Vice-Admiral Sir Richard King, Bart., he was born on April 9th, 1834, and succeeded his father in the baronetcy in 1846, entered the Bengal Army in 1854, and served [in the Indian Mutiny campaign, including the siege of Delhi and subsequent operations, for which he had the medal. Subsequently appointed Acting Adjutant of the 4th Irregular Cavalry and Captain in the 104th Foot, he retired from the service in 1864, marrying, in 1870, Frances Sarah Place, widow of Colonel Richard Ousely and daughter of Mr. Walter William Jones, of Guarrey, Carmarthenshire. Lady Lake died last year. In default of issue, the baronetcy descends to Mr. St. Vincent Atwell Lake, only son of the second son of the fifth baronet. He was born on January 3rd 1862, and educated at the Royal Naval School, Newcross.

THE gambling scandal is still the chief topic of conversation in Hongkong. Two Chinese sergeants and 14 Chinese constables were arrested and deported to Canton. This clears out very nearly the whole of the detective staff; new men have taken their places and the general force is being recruited from outside. Five Chinese detectives did not wait to be arrested, but absconded from the Colony. The trial of Inspector Witchell has opened at the [Supreme Court. He is defended by Mr. E. Robinson, and it is probable that Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., who conducted the proceedings at the Magistracy, will prosecute on behalf of the Colonial Authorities.

AN official telegram states that in the recent fighting in Rhodesia the chief Mashingombi was killed. Two gold bullets were found near the kraal.

ALTHOUGH the system of identification by finger prints was introduced into Assam with effect from the 15th September, 1896, it had not been brought into effective working order before the end of the official year, and no cases of false personation were detected by means of it. Some finger prints examined by the Chief Commissioner at Debrughar were unless, and "it is clear," observes Mr. Cotton, "that unless, the subregistrars are properly instructed in the manner of taking the impressions and attend personally to see work, the new scheme will yield no practical results." It is to be hoped that by this time these little initial difficulties have been got over.

THE latest comedy a deux, in other words, the last French duel, has been fought in Corsica, where M. Carbons, a journalist, and M. Bodoy, a deputy-Major, fired two shots, but refused to fire a third; instead, they embraced and left the bloodless field together. This was not so unnatural as it seems. They met arms in hand, and departed arm in arm.

IN his biography "the true George Washington," Mr. P. L. Ford tells the following story:—"When Sir Henry Clinton succeeded to the command of the British Army, the old device to insult the General was again tried, for Dumas states that Washington received a despatch from Sir Henry Clinton, addressed to 'Mr. Washington.' Taking it from the hands of the flag of truce, and seeing the direction, 'This letter,' said he, 'is directed to a planter in the State of Virginia. I shall have it delivered to him after the end of the war; till that time it shall not be opened.' A second despatch was addressed to His Excellency General Washington." Mr. Ford caps this story with a better one;—But pleasanter intercourse came with the surrender of Yorktown, after which not merely were Cornwallis and his officers saved the mortification of surrendering their swords, but the chief among them were entertained at dinner by Washington. At this meal, so a contemporary account states, Rockbambeau, being asked for a toast, gave "The United States." Washington gave "The king of France." Lord Cornwallis, simply "The King;" but Washington, putting that toast, added, "of England," and facetiously, "confine him there I'll drink him a full bumper," filling his glass till ran over.

THE Zurich correspondent of the *Times* writes that an article of the Federal law, which forbids games of chance in public places, has lately been enforced in the canton of Geneva, with the result that the minor kind of gambling known to tourists in the familiar from *petits chevaux* was forbidden in the kursaal of Geneva. The proprietors of the building in question having petitioned the Federal Council that the same restriction should be put in force in other tourist centres, notably at Lucerne, or else removed altogether, an arrangement, has been made between the Federal and the cantonal police authorities in virtue of which playing as has hitherto been allowed in the Kursaals of Geneva and Lucerne shall be continued for the present season under certain limitations. No play will be allowed in the casinos after midnight, and the stakes are to be reduced from a previous *maximum* of 25f. to 6f. per course. As soon as the tourist season is over the whole question of allowing games of chance in the kursaals is to be settled in a conference between the head department of police and the cantons concerned.

MAJOR-GENERAL GEORGE MAISTER, formerly of the Royal Bengal Artillery, died at his residence at Leamington on Friday at the age of 71. He entered the Army in 1842, and saw much active service in India, distinguishing himself on several occasions. He served in the Gwalior campaign, taking part in the battle of Maharajpur, for which he received the bronze star. He also went through the Punjab campaign, 1848-49, and was present at the battles of Chilianwala and Gujarat. For his services in this campaign he received a medal with two clasps. He also served with the forces under Brigadier Bradshaw in the Peshawar Valley in 1849-50, and was present at the forcing of the Kohat Pass, under Sir Charles Napier in the latter year. He also participated in the affairs against the Mohmands and Utman Khels in the Eusofzai country in 1852 under Sir Colin Campbell; the Bozdar expedition in 1857 under Brigadier Chamberlain, and the expeditions against the Khabl Khel Waziris and against the Mahsud Waziris including the night attack on the camp at Palozean and the forcing of the Burarah Pass. For these services he received a medal with clasps. Colonel Maister retired from the Army in 1892, when he was raised to the honorary rank of Major-General.

AN enthusiastic bibliophile entered a humble East-end tobacco shop the other day in order to be directed to a street in the vicinity he wished to find when he was horrified to perceive the proprietress tearing wrappers from a blackletter book. He snatched the mutilated volume from her and found that it was the "Goode Huswife's Jewell," published in the reign of Elizabeth. He eagerly bid a shilling for the book and his offer was accepted. The shopkeeper, who explained that the had bought the treasure from an itinerant waste-paper merchant, had just commenced to tear it up. Only three leaves were missing, and she fortunately remembered who had got them. On a promise to give owners a pint of beer each the missing sheets were speedily recovered, but the flyleaf, which was handed to a navy with a penn'orth of Irish roll, had a narrow escape, as the man, when discovered had twisted it into a spill for the purpose of lighting his pipe. The gentleman has now the "Huswife's Jewell" complete, and there is no happier bookworm in London.

A LARGE number of ladies and gentlemen assembled at the Horticultural College, Swanley, on July 19th, when Lady Cecilia Roberts distributed the prizes, Lord Carlisle occuping the chair. The hall in which the proceedings took place is not without interest in itself, as it is a ship's cabin which was added to the building when it was a mansion occupied by Sir Walter Bessimer; and it also contains a number of panels by pupils of the late Lord Leighton. Both men and women are taught gardening in this institution, and there are forty-five acres of ground always under cultivation. At present there are twenty-seven young women and eighteen young men students who learn every stage of gardening, bee-keeping and poultry-rearing. The produce is all sent to London markets, and disposed of at a profit satisfactory to the establishment. It was remarked that there had never been a woman at the college who had not voluntarily taken her turn at wheeling the barrow and digging.

CRICKET.

MESSRS. RALLI BROS'. C. C. CLUB. VS. THE PARSEE GYMKHANA.

AN interesting match was played between the above teams on the Parsee Gymkhana ground, on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the former by 15 runs. The captain of Ralli's team having won the toss, deputed Ward and Gagrat to open the game. They both played very carefully, but just as Ward was getting into form he was, unfortunately, caught by Pavri. Gagrat continued batting, displaying some of the prettiest strokes that could be indulged in by a skilled batsman. He cut and drove along the ground to the boundary. But on the completion of his thirtieth run he was caught by Pavri. Machilwalla now took up the scoring and played very carefully, contributing 14. Writer and Gagrat bowled exceptionally well, the former taking three wickets for 10 runs and the latter three for 26. The Parsee Gymkhana opened their innings by sending Sanjana and Mehta to meet the attack of Gagrat. They began a very promising game, but just as Sanjana was settling down he was run-out. The rest of the Parsees maintained a similarly short defence, Kharas being the only one who went into double figures, contributing a carefully played 14. The fielding of the Parsees was excellent. They fielded so closely that it was impossible for their opponents to steal a run. Ralli's team also fielded well. The honors of bowling, on the side of the Parsees, fell to Mehta and, Pavri, the former taking six wickets for 15 runs and the latter three for 29. The following are the scores:—

MESSRS. RALLI BROS'. C. C.

Ward, c and b Pavri	3
Gagrat, c Pavri, b Mehta	30
Mathuradas, c Pavri, b Dustur	0
Hussey, b Mehta	0
Machilwalla, b Mehta	14
H J Walsh, b Mehta	4
Arjani, b Pavri	1
Writer, b Mehta	5
Daboo, st Kharas, b Pavri	2
Davar, c Nagarwalla, b Mehta	2
F Cononce, not out	1
Extras	8
Total	70

THE PARSEE GYMKHANA C. C.

Sanjana, run out	4
Mehta, b Gagrat	3
D E Modi, c Machilwalla, b Davar	9
Dubash, c Machilwalla, b Writer	1
R E Modi, b Gagrat	1
Pavri, c and b Gagrat	0
Kharas, run out	14
Spencer, c Machilwalla, b Writer	8
Ayerton, b Davar	0
Dustur, not out	2
Nagarwalla, c Hussey, b Writer	6
Total	55

MUNICIPAL C. C. VS. MARINE BATTALION C. C.

A match was played, last Saturday, between the above clubs. The ground was very treacherous, and much in favour of the bowlers. The Marine Battalion having won the toss selected to bat. The first wicket fell for 8 runs; the 2nd and 3rd for, 12 runs, the 4th, 5th and 6th wickets for 23 runs; and the 7th, 8th, and 9th wickets for 30 runs, the total score being 33. The Municipal Team were more successful only towards the latter end of the game. Their 1st and 2nd wicket fell for 2 runs; the 3rd for 6; the 4th for 8; 5th wicket fell 15 runs; the 6th, for 22; 7th and 8th for 23; and 9th for 55 runs; the total score being 72, thus defeating the Marine Battalion by 39 runs. The following are the scores:—

MARINE BATTALION C. C.

Lieut Waller, b Chonkar	4
Lascar Gennak, b Sawr, b Kaka	8
Shaikhan, c and b Chonkar	4
Shaik Ebrahim, c and b Kaka	0
Lieut Hicks, b Kaka	10
Pte Kannettie, c Kaka, b Chonkar	4
Kalmak, c and b Kaka	0
Pandnak, b Kaka	2
Sommetite, c Kirtikar, b Chonkar	0
Gondnak, c Kirtikar, b Chonkar	0
Sornak, not out	1
Total	33

MUNICIPAL C. C.

Kirtikar, c Kannettie	2
Kaka, b Ebrahim	0
Daderkar, b and c Ebrahim	0
Chonkar, b and c Ebrahim	3
Daruwalla, b and c Ebrahim	3
Chinoy, c and b Ebrahim	6
Chambari, b Shaikhan	5
Gazdar, c Pandnak, b Godnak	3
Wadia, not out	12
Guard, c Godna, b Ebrahim	18
Lord, b Somnar	13
Extras	7
Total	72

THE LAW AS TO INDENT OF GOODS.

SMALL CAUSES COURT.

(Before MR. HORMUSJI DADABHOY, Fourth Judge.)

LEJEUNE SHINMELL AND OTHERS VS. MORARJI GALLIANJI AND ANOTHER.

MR. K. K. SUNTOKE appeared for the plaintiffs, and the defendants were represented by Mr. Cawasji Bozonji Settna.

Claim for Rs. 233, being the amount of damages sustained by reason of defendants' breach of contract in respect of an indent of three cases of white shirtings; and consequently plaintiffs' were obliged to resell the goods on defendants' account, such sale resulting in the loss now sued for.

Mr. Settna, on behalf of the defendants, pleaded that

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The latest telegrams to hand through Reuter calling for notice in this column were chronicled in our report under Saturday evening's date; and we have now to annex our weekly comparative Statement of the movement of Cotton.

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Week's Receipts	7,000	16,000	3,000
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" exports to U. K., do.	3,013,000	2,260,000	3,446,000
" " to Continent do.	2,884,000	2,244,000	3,202,000
" Stock in the Ports	80,000	133,000	307,000

The total visible supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 6th instant affords the following comparisons with the two previous years:—

	1897.	1896.	1895.
Total supply of all kinds	1,190,000	1,397,420	2,613,440
" " Surats	116,000	191,890	171,390

For the United Kingdom only the figures are:—

	1897.	1896.	1895.
Stock in Liverpool	616,000	581,870	1,333,550
" London	6,000	10,000	9,400
American Afloat	10,000	30,000	16,050
East Indian "	4,000	4,000	15,000
Total	636,000	625,870	1,374,000
Price of Middling-Americans	4 7-32d.	4 13-32d.	3 29-32d.
" Good Dhollera	3 17-32d.	3 15-32d.	3 1-16d.
Difference	11-16d.	15-16d.	27-32d.

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay Return for the week ending on Saturday, shows the following changes:—

Public Deposits at the Head Office	Dec.	Rs. 5,08,527
" " Branches	Inc.	" 48,442
Other "	Dec.	" 7,53,177
Government Securities	Inc.	" 1,505
Other authorised "	Inc.	Unchanged.
Loans on Govt, &c.	Dec.	" 2,21,443
Bills Discounted and Purchased	Dec.	" 4,53,834
Balances with other Banks	Inc.	" 53,644
Cash	Dec.	" 4,44,507

Continued ease has characterised the Money Market during the week (broken by a holiday, during which the Bank was closed on Thursday), and the dulness of business in all directions has militated against any improvement in the demand. The Statement of the Presidency Bank issued to-day shows but few changes from the return of a week ago, the Cash Balance on Saturday disclosing a decrease of some 4 1-2 lakhs, as compared with a falling off of 3 3-4 lakhs at the end of the week preceding. The principal changes in the Return under notice are, as far as trade requirements are concerned, a decrease of 7 1-2 lakhs, 2 1-4 lakhs, and 4 1-2 lakhs, respectively, in Private Deposits, Loans, and Bills Discounted, or 14 1-4 lakhs in the aggregate.

COTTON.—In ready Cotton nothing is reported again to-day, the feeling in the market being weak. Owing to the decline in December Futures in America, prices of the new crop here are lower, and speculators are said to have bought Broach at Rs. 205 per candy, and Bengal at Rs. 162½.

To-day's telegraphic advice from the districts report the Cotton crop to be doing well all round, and the crop prospects to be generally good. At Julgaon 4 inches 54 cents of rain have fallen since last Thursday; at Wadhwan, 4 inches 32 cents; Viramgaum, 3 inches 46 cents; Dhollera, 3 inches; Khangaum, 2 inches 80 cents; Broach, 2 inches 70 cents. At Dhulia the Cotton plants show more improvement; at Wadwan they are flourishing and want fine weather; while at Sholapur the food-grains are suffering from want of rain.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay, yesterday, were as follows:—

Cotton	975 bales.
Wheat	20,217 cwts.
Linseed	1,618 "
Rapeseed	5,825 "
Castorseed	1,093 "
Rice	2,584 "

FREIGHTS are very quiet and unchanged.

EXCHANGE.—The market opened at 1s 3½d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 5-8d. for three months' sight Bills. A moderate amount of buying was done by speculators at 1s. 3½d., and besides this we hear of but little transpiring either way, the market closing quiet as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 3 15-32d. per rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s. 3 15-32d. "
3 ms' sight	1s. 3½d. "
Credits "	1s. 3 5-8d. "
Francs "	1'64 1-2 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER has continued unsettled in tone, with 98 7-8 quoted for Money, for 3½ per Cents, and 98 13-16 for Account; Threes remained at 94.

SHARES.—The single change reported in prices is an advance of Rs. 5 in Manockjee Petit Mills.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, AUG. 14.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats dull.

Good Dhollera	3 17-32

The Manchester Market has been firmer.

2½ per cent. Consols	112 1-8
3 per cent. Rentes	105
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	117½
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	63 5-16
Bar Silver	25 1-2

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, AUG. 14.

The City Line steamer City of Dublin left here for Bombay, yesterday evening.

LIVERPOOL, AUG. 14.

The Hall Line steamer Branksome Hall from Karachi arrived here yesterday evening.

ADEN, AUG. 14.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Rewa left here this evening.

SINGAPORE, AUG. 16.

The Florio-Rubattino Company's steamer Bisagno left this for Bombay, to-day.

COLOMBO, AUG. 16.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Brindisi (extra) passed Galle, at 8 a.m., to-day.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Muttra, 2,985 tons, Commander H W Watt, arrived in harbour, yesterday, from Karachi, 14th August, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Obra, 3,496, tons, Commander G Brown, arrived in harbour, yesterday, from Calcutta, 3rd August, with a cargo of 7,300 tons of coal.

The following is the list of passengers per Italian steamer Doo Balduino, Captain O Campa, sailing, on the 17th inst., for Genoa, Mr P Massari, Dr Turnbull, Mrs Pere Sa Balbi and 3 children.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Pachumba, 673 tons, Commander J B Groom, arrived in harbour, yesterday, from Karachi 13th August, with a general cargo. Miss Evans and 30 deck passengers. She met with heavy monsoon throughout the voyage. She will sail to-day for Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr S H J Rustomjee, Rev Fathers Keeshow and Remington, Mr Magunmul Jamutmul and 65 deck.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—AUGUST 16.

PRINCES DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.*	Agents.
D	Muttra	2434	Archer	.....	N F	K N & Co
E	King Arthur	1047	Omen	Persian Gulf	.....	S & P S N Co
H	& J H M S Magdala	3340	Fleet	.....	.....	Royal Navy
Do	Hulk Tenasserim	7760	.....	.....	.....	Do.
K	Prachentels	1574	Kinewig	Karachi	.....	Glade & Co
L	Satrunjee	547	Budroo	Marmugoa	7-8	Shepd & Co
L	Sabarmati	524	Cassum	.....	.....	Shepd & Co
L	Mahanadi	547	Budroo	Marmugoa	.....	Shepd & Co
O	Kirkdale	1873	McConbridge	Karachi	.....	K N & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Indravati	513	Ahmed	.....	Karachi	.....	14-8 S & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	Rome	3029	Daniell	London	.....	4-9 P & O Co
2	Australia	2321	Tait	Marseilles	.....	25-8 W & A G & Co
4	D Balduino	3044	Campa	Genoa	.....	17-8 N G Italiana
5	Ravenna	2046	Denny	China	.....	20-8 P & O Co
9	Haddon Hall	2677	Jones	Hamburg	.....	17-8 E Bates & Co
15	Dumra	762	Russell	Karachi	.....	17-8 M M & Co

MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.

Caledonia	.....	1055	.....	.....	.....	P and O Co

* Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 3m. 44·2s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meantime, or 8h. 8m. 44·2s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
16	Pachumba s	Groom	Karachi, Aug 13.
	Obra s	Brown	Calcutta, Aug. 3.
	Muttra s	Watt	Karachi, Aug. 14.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer D Balduino, Campa, for Genoa, &c.
" Pachumba, Groom, for Karachi,

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Pachumba, for Karachi.
" Rome, for London.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

DEATH.

HEWSON—July 33, at 48, Petherton Road, London, John Hewson, of Messrs. Campbell and Hewson, Civil Engineers, Architects and Surveyors, Bombay.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

YATES—August 15, at the European General Hospital, Bombay, Mawson Yates, of enteric fever, aged 25 years. (English papers please copy).

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

PATERSON—August 11, at Bisanatam, North Arcot District, the wife of G. A. Paterson, of a daughter.

UNDERWOOD—August 9, at Madura, the wife of W. E. Underwood, District Engineer, Madura, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BURNETT—RAMSAY—July 20, at St. Stephen's Church, Ootacamund, by the Rev. C. L. Wright, Chaplain, James Burnett Burnett, younger of Monboddo, N. B., and eldest son of Captain James Cummine Burnett, to Cecilia Mary, widow of the late N. S. Ramsay.

DEATHS.

BURNETT—August 11, at Bangalore, George Patrick Pritchard Flynn, eldest son of the late Dr. G. W. Flynn.

LAINE—August 9, at Multan, Norine Agatha, the beloved darling infant daughter of William and Julia Laine, of fever, aged 9 months and three days.

PEAL—July 29, at Sepon, S. E. Peal, of the Moran Tea Co., and late of Naharani, Assam.

PRINCE—August 1, at Naini Tal, Sarah Amelia Hunter, widow of the late Joseph Prince, N.-W. P. and Oudh Police, aged 58 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns, should be addressed to the Editor, and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1897.

THE death of Surgeon-Major-General Cook deprives the Medical service in this Presidency of a capable and conscientious head, who has occupied that important post for only eighteen months. But if the period of administration has been brief so far as time goes, it has been long and trying when judged by the standard of "deeds not years" prescribed by the poet. Owing to the strain put upon this Department by the concurrent and protracted visitations of plague and famine more anxiety and responsibility has fallen to the lot of its chief during the last twelve months than ordinarily appertains to the office, onerous as it is under any circumstances. Surgeon-General Cook, who, having passed the fifty-five years' limit, recently obtained an extension of service, died from liver and heart disease, but there can be little doubt that the anxieties—shall we say the disappointments—of recent months so told upon him as to hasten his end. He had seen no less than 31 years' of meritorious service when he attained to the charge of the Medical Department. The deceased officer, who attained his M. D. degree at Dublin, commenced duty in India as acting Civil Surgeon of Kaira in 1865, being advanced to the substantive appointment two years later. With a brief interregnum as Civil Surgeon of Broach he remained in Kaira until his transfer to Bombay in 1877 as Civil Surgeon, and as Professor of Anatomy at the Grant Medical College. After periods of service at Dharwar and Karwar, Dr. Cook was transferred to Poona, and in 1887 attained to the rank of Brigade-Surgeon. Three years later he was transferred to the Central Provinces, where for five years he was Deputy Surgeon-General. After taking the third and last furlough to Europe which he had during his thirty-two years' labours, Dr. Cook returned to India in March last year, to fill the appointment of Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay in succession to Surgeon-General Turnbull. He had only been in charge of the Medical Department for six or seven months, when the outbreak of plague in Bombay directed the attention of the civilised world to this unfortunate city, and soon imposed a very heavy strain indeed upon the Department which was then beginning to have serious demands made upon it in connection with the famine. Dr. Cook paid many visits to Bombay in connection with the epidemic, especially when it was in the incipient stage. He promptly sent in to Government a memorandum in which the segregation of the sick, and the examination of persons leaving Bombay, were indicated as two of the most necessary methods of dealing with the outbreak. This memorandum received very little attention at the time, the advice of the Head of the Medical Department being strangely disregarded. The rapid spread of the disease ultimately led to the adoption of measures of the same kind, not under the direction of the officer who had made the recommendation, but by means of an agency improvised on the spur of the moment.

The truth is that when the Surgeon-General proposed segregation, its importance was recognised by few. The general public did not realise that it was needed, and there were enormous difficulties in the way of carrying it out effectively at that early stage. But when some months' actual experience of what plague meant had been gained, the Native community began to see that the epidemic was no matter to be trifled with, and that even caste and religious susceptibilities must give way to subordinated to the supreme necessity of saving human life. The natural and just Service irritation on the part of the Medical Department had would have been obviated if Government responsible at this stage called in the aid of their chief medical adviser, measures it originally recommended the very means, if necessary was eventually determined to enforce. But the sary with the aid of the military, military man Medical service was ignored; a mistake in was put in charge of the operations colleague, Bombay, and Dr. Lowson and his colleagues possessed Dr. Beveridge, came out from London possessed with the idea that what was impossible and practicable in Hongkong was reasonably be practicable in India. It may be such intelligence supposed that a man of so much Mr. Lowson has read and force of character as Dr. Lowson respect. His turned to England wiser in the Secretary of appointment at the hands of the time being, State to practically supersede, for adviser of the Surgeon-General as the same distinctly trace the Bombay Government, was an alarmist teleable to the belief founded on the allegagrams to the London press, and the *Daily Mail* tions of shirking prints like failed to realise the that the authorities here had fa The authorities gravity of the situation. the magnitude of here were fully cognisant of and were already the evil to be coped with, measures on a vast carrying out preventive me scale.

That this was the case is proved by the fact that the Plague Committee that had charge of the operations against the epidemic for four lakhs and a-half, three months expended of the Municipal administration extending over a longer period while the expenditure was than nine lakhs. For amounted to little less

months before the Plague Committee was started, the Municipal executive had an army of 6,000 men engaged in cleansing and disinfecting streets and houses, removing portions of roofs to let in sunlight and air, white-washing and on other sanitary measures, which undoubtedly had an immense effect in circumscribing the ravages of the plague. When the epidemic spread to the mofussil the Indian Medical Service worked with the utmost thoroughness for its eradication, and indeed upon this service the brunt of the battle has all along fallen. They naturally resented keenly the slight cast on their department by the appointment of utter strangers to India as Joint Plague Commissioners to act independently of the Surgeon-General. But this did not prevent them from working loyally to combat the heavy inroads made upon the vitality of the people by plague and famine. Now that Dr. Cook has passed beyond the region of controversy it is only just that it should be distinctly stated that the slight put upon him arose from a combination of unfortunate circumstances and was wholly unmerited. It was through no incapacity or want of thoroughness on Dr. Cook's part that a course was taken which was strongly resented by the officers of his Department.

PRINCE HENRI D'ORLEANS has paid the penalty of a very bitter and ungenerous attack on the military honour of the Italian officers taken prisoner by Menelik in the disastrous battle of Adowa. With a very unprincely disregard for the susceptibilities of men in misfortune he taunted them with what he described as their obsequious desire to obtain the favour of their conqueror, and alleged that on the occasion of a certain fete Italian officers drank to the health of the Negus. To barb the shaft his Royal Highness thought it becoming to say that no French officer imprisoned by Germany ever toasted the name of the Kaisar. All that was in excessively bad taste, but then good taste is not the strong point of this pushful scion of the House of Orleans, whose one purpose is to keep himself and the name of his family before the French democracy. His ubiquity as a traveller and an explorer and his sublime disregard for *les convenances* in holding up to public execration whoever may be profitably gibbeted as unfriendly or hostile to French interests abroad have won for him a certain popularity in France. As a natural consequence of his insulting allusions to the guests of King Menelik in letters to the *Figaro* and the *New York Herald*, the Prince received a challenge from General Albertoni, a distinguished Italian officer. But the Count de Turin, bearing the name of his heroic grandfather, Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, and second son of Prince Amadeo, Duke of Aosta, and some time King of Spain, claimed the privilege of being the first to cross swords with the traducer of the Italian army. Naturally the claim was allowed. General Albertoni has secured the second claim to rise dress by the appeal to arms. The Count, whoever twenty-seven years of age, is an officer in the 1st Regiment of Cavalry in the Italian army. It is a question whether method between an Italian, brought up in the, and a of fence practise in his own country only with Frenchman who is naturally familiar in France, the far less complex system in vogue there. The can ever be fought on equal terms a number Italian school teaches and authorises unknown to of perplexing manœuvres wholly unused from the French. The sword may be changed again in the right hand to the left and back, may be bewildering fashion. The proy dropping on changed with equal suddenness the sitting posture the knee or by subsiding into daining chairs, falls which a Native of India, did not himself. In that into when he desires to rest the ordinary guards posture the fencer is under by a quick thrust of the adversary, and may be able to parry, deal a upwards, almost impossible deadly wound.

It would indeed seem as if this is just what has happened in the Prince Henri and Prince fought duel between There were five assaults Victor Emmanuel, ties each, which with interlasting four minutes between the encounters vals of two minutes which the duel give the twenty-six minutes which the first to last. It was unoccupied fought in deadly earnest. At the questionable face Henri received a slight outset Prince the shoulder, but the skin being wound in ded the seconds did not interfere. barely pier and far more serious wound in the A second terminated the encounter. Prince abdomen rising from the ground shook hands Henri, half adversary, and then walked to his with his unaided. It is stated that the incarriages were not perforated; if that be really testing case recovery is reasonably certain. the will come the duel with General Albertoni. As for the Count de Turin he left for Tonight the same afternoon, carrying with him Italian slight scratch on the hand as a memorial of a well fought and memorable encounter. His resolve to vindicate the honour of the Italian army as his own, and the spirit and resolution with which he fought, crowned by unquestionable success, will make him the hero of the hour in Italy and do much to revive the waning popularity of the Royal Family. Prince Henri d'Orleans, on the other hand, has shown that the House of France is not effete: that while undergoing long and toilsome journeys to mark out new fields of colonial and commercial expansion for his countrymen, he knows how to give and take sword thrusts in which there is no suspicion of make-believe. If it be true that the Prince intends one day to become President of the French Republic that end may be furthered by the pluck and resolution he has displayed in crossing swords with the nephew of the King of Italy. The Count de Turin's elder brother, the Duke d' Aosta, is married to the Princess Helene d' Orleans, daughter of the Count de Paris and first Cousin of Prince Henri. The latter, though a pronounced Anglophobe, is a born Englishman. He saw the light at Ham, near London, in 1867, and is consequently just three years younger than his antagonist.

THE results of the recent conferences at the Colonial Office, as set forth at considerable length in the columns of the "Standard," cannot be described as either surprising or disappointing except, perhaps, to a few feather-headed people who seemed to think that a little talk at a round table would be sufficient to establish Imperial Federation. It remains to be seen whether the action of Mr. Chamberlain in bringing over the various Colonial Prime Ministers will ultimately help the movement to promote closer union. There are those who think it may possibly have the contrary effect. But this is a decidedly pessimistic view of the situation. It cannot be denied that the many speeches delivered by the distinguished visitors will be chiefly remembered for the emphasis given to the fact that the self-governing Colonies are practically independent countries, and that they intend to be treated as such. But to return to the interesting negotiations—if they can be termed—in Downing-street. There were several meetings. At the first, which lasted two hours, the whole of the time was occupied by the Secretary of State in explaining the subjects for consideration and the varied aspects in which they may be approached. Mr. Chamberlain, we are told, was as careful to avoid indicating that the Government, of which he is undoubtedly the most powerful member, had any preference in regard to any of them. While not desiring even to assume that the time is ripe for definitely arranging for the representation of the Colonies in the Imperial Legislature, he dealt at great length with that topic, pointing out the several means suggested for giving them a voice in Imperial affairs, including the rather fanciful proposal to have Colonial members in the House of Lords. With regard to the improvement of trade relations, he mentioned the steps taken to ascertain the effect of foreign competition in Colonial markets, and said that the Government would be delighted to consider any proposals the Colonies might make for reciprocal trading on terms mutually advantageous. The Prime Ministers conferred privately after hearing Mr. Chamberlain's views, and their deliberations on successive occasions, "disclosed a lack of agreement on many points on which joint action was desirable."

ON one point, however, they were quite unanimous. They all felt that the time was not ripe for change, the leading Australian premiers in particular insisting that any attempt at this moment to draw the Colonies into a "political partnership" might be disastrous. It would mean, as the *Standard* expresses their arguments, that the Colonies would sooner or later have to submit to Imperial taxation, if they were given Imperial representation. As they could not hope to be allowed to send a sufficiently large number of representatives to have any influence, the connection would become irksome, and probably endanger the relations of the mother-country and her dependencies. They thought, and their colleagues for the most part agreed with them, that local union to time, ere the question of politically the several countries ing that gradually closely together, until would come and was established on terms at last a basis suitable to all. An understanding was, however, arrived at, that standing between the Colonial Secretary of conference the time being and the Colonial Premiers should be held at least once in every four or five years. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had three support of all the other representatives in the demand that the favoured-nation treaties with Germany and Belgium should be denounced. At the last sitting Mr. Goschen, as First Lord of the Admiralty, joined the Conference. But the only visible outcome of his appearance on the scene was an agreement that the existing Australian naval arrangements should continue. This may not be a great deal; but it will be remembered that over and over again the Prime Ministers, even those most opposed to any alteration in the "status quo," assured everybody in their speeches that if the time should come when England wanted the more active assistance of the colonies it would be immediately forthcoming. And there was a sincerity about these promises that completely reconciles the Admiralty and the Colonial Secretaries to the absence of any paper contract.

THE authorities dealing with the plague in Bombay and in different parts of the Presidency are much disturbed at finding that the military requirements demand the immediate presence of medical officers now on special duty in the Presidency on the Frontier. Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins was yesterday requisitioned for service

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

DUEL BETWEEN THE PRINCE OF ORLEANS AND COUNT OF TURIN.

LONDON, AUG. 16.

Particulars of the duel between the Prince of Orleans and the Count of Turin state that five results were made lasting four minutes each.

The Prince of Orleans was hit in the shoulder at the outset, but the skin was barely pierced. His wound in the abdomen, however, is serious, but the intestines are not perforated.

The Prince, half rising from the ground, shook hands with Count Turin's hand; and afterwards walked to his carriage unaided.

The Count of Turin was merely scratched, and left for Italy in the afternoon.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Signor Costa, the Italian Minister of Justice.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, AUG. 16.

The twenty-ninth Presidential Assault-at-Arms will be held this year from the 30th August to 4th September. There are sixty events to compete, and good many prizes for each event are given by officers of the Bombay Army. Major Keir has offered Rs. 100 for a bicycle race (distance 20 miles). General Nairne has given prize for the best at Arms; Lord Sandhurst has offered two handsome cups for the galloping and driving competition. Major General Duncan gives a prize for bayonet vs. bayonet. The officers of the 2nd Bombay Lancers have offered a cup to be competed for in tent-pegging by sections. Major O'Sullivan, Assistant Adjutant-General, Poona District, has offered a cup for British officers coming best in fencing, foils, sabres, and sword versus sword mounted.

Major Hill is at present inspector of the Gymnasia

DEATH OF SURGEON-GENERAL COOK.

AN IMPOSING FUNERAL.

The funeral of Surgeon-General Cook took place, this evening, and was a most imposing sight. The procession left deceased's residence at 5 o'clock, the body being placed on a gun carriage supplied by the 16th Field Battery. The entire road along which the cortege passed was lined with troops. The 19th Bombay Infantry, under Major Walter, was placed just opposite the house of the deceased; after them the Royal Irish Rifles; thence three Squadrons of the 2nd Bombay Lancers, under Major Gordon and Hewlett, and L. Battery Royal Horse Artillery. The whole were under command of Colonel Whiteby, Commanding the Durham Light Infantry.

The coffin left the house exactly at five. The troops presented arms, and followed the procession, the Bands of the Durham's and Irish Rifles playing at intervals. A large number of the Military Civilians were present at the deceased's house.

Major-General Duncan, General Spragge, General Caldecott, Surgeon-General Churchill, Surgeon-Colonel Moore, Surgeon-Major Croly, and Captain the Honorable Heneage acted as pall-bearers. In rear of the coffin walked Brigade-Surgeon-Colonel Mc Conaghy, Dr. Collis Barry, Drs. Foot, Heath, Lloyd, Jones, and Boyd from Bombay, and a large number of other medical officers from Bombay and other stations came specially to do honour to the deceased.

Near the cemetery the L. Battery moved off, and fired eleven minute guns. A large number of officials were present at the cemetery gate, including the Hon'ble Messrs. Nugent, Monteath, Thompson, and Spence, Dr. Barker, Colonel Burlton Bennett, Surgeon-General Churchill, Drs. Bull, Lyons, Salaman, Thacker, and others.

On reaching the cemetery gate the coffin was removed from the gun carriage, and taken on the shoulders of eight Sergeants of the Durhams, who carried it to the grave. The service, which was read by the Rev. Mr. Gothard, Chaplain of St. Paul's, was a very impressive one.

Amongst the very large number of wreaths sent were from Lord and Lady Sandhurst; General and Mrs. Nairne; General and Mrs. Duncan; members of the Indian Medical Staff; Nurses from the Sassoon Hospital; students from the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical School; Officers of the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers and the 19th Bombay Infantry; Staff of the deceased Surgeon-Major-General; and Mrs. Webbe, from England; Colonel Burlton Bennett the Hon'ble's Shuttleworth, Crowe, and Kirkham; Surgeon-General Churchill; Ettie, daughter of the deceased, and many others.

CRICKET: POONA *VS.* BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

The annual cricket match, Poona *vs.* Bombay Gymkhana, will be played to-morrow, at Bombay.

The following represent Poona:—Major Bythell, Captains Lowis and Addison, Messrs. Browne, Fairfax, Edwards, Bradford, Young, Sale, Melville, and Deas.

Mr. Lewis will act as umpire.

GYMKHANA AT GANESHKHIND.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, AUG. 14.

A PLEASANT evening in spite of the wet was spent, this afternoon, at Ganeshkhind, when their Excellencies Lord and Lady Sandhurst organised a small gymkhana as a sort of social pick-me-up during the week. An excellent card of four events was arranged for the occasion.

1ST EVENT.—"Skill at Arms Competition."—Competitors will jump small hurdle and taking a sword out of the ground will cut a lemon on the right with cut 2, take a ring on the left, and a tent peg on the right points 2 for lemon, 2 for ring, usual for peg and 4 extra for pace and style.—2 runs.

Capt Curzon, 6 points	1
Mr Hewlett, 4 points	2
Capt Levson Gower, 3 points	3

Also competed:—Capt Campbell, Mr Parry, Cap. Heneage, Capt Crawford, Major Gordon, Mr Lee Capt Lecky, Capt Pollock, Major Mercer, Mr Jeffcoat, Mr Wilkinson, Major Robinson, and Mr. Stewart.

2ND EVENT.—"Wand, Ball and Bucket Affinity."—Lady and gentleman will each carry a polo ball down 4 wands in single file, lady loading, and placing them in their own bucket, return through wands home. The wands must not be touched and the balls must be placed in the buckets. Infringement disqualification.—To be run in heats.

1ST HEAT.

Mr Hichens and Miss Spraggie	1
Major Gordon and Mrs Tobin	0
Mr Parry and Mrs Dickens	0

2ND HEAT.

Capt Curzon and Lady Sandhurst	1
Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Williams	2

FINAL.

Won by Capt Curzon and Lady Sandhurst by three-quarter of a length.

3RD EVENT.—"The Sharpshooters' Affinity."—Gentleman to bring a rifle over small hurdle and dismounting hand it to lady who will break 3 bottles at 15 yards range. Gentleman may remount immediately last bottle is broken, and will return with the rifle over hurdle.—Best time wins.

Mr Lee and Mrs Fagan, 1 min 1 4-5 secs	1
Capt Lecky and Mrs Mercer, 1 min 4 2-5 secs	2
Capt L Gower and Mrs Thomson, 1 min 14 2-5 secs	3
Major Mercer and Lady Sandhurst, 1 min 17 secs	4
Mr Mander and Mrs Donnet, 1 min 50 2-5 secs	5
Mr Parry and Mrs J Duncan, 2 min 35 secs	6
Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Saunders	7
Mr Ford and Mrs Ford	8

1st and 2nd broke their bottles in 3 shots.

4TH EVENT.—Ladies Driving Competition."—Ladies to drive themselves through chattles (no syce or affinity allowed). There will be a time limit to ensure a fair pace.

Mrs Mercer, 13 points	1
Lady Sandhurst, 11 points	2

Also competed:—Mrs Kair, Mrs Prevost, Mrs Cobham, Mrs Dickens, and Miss Wilson.

The shortest time was Mrs. Donnet's, who only took 40secs.

THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN.

THE AMIR'S ATTITUDE RESPECTING THE JEHAD SUSPICIOUS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUG. 16.

The position to-day regarding Afghanistan is distinctly changed for the better, as the Amir's letter to the Governor of Jelalabad shows he means to disclaim all connection with the recent dirturbances on the frontier. But until he has made the Governor of Khost send back the camels looted from the Tochi Valley post, however, much weight cannot be attached to his protestations.

Evidence is beginning to accumulate to show that even if the Amir has not actually fomented the unrest amongst the border tribesmen, he has taken no steps to allay the excitement in any way; while the Mullahs who have been preaching the "jehad", have been given every facility by his officials.

POLICY OF SUBSIDISING THE AMIR QUESTIONED.

People are asking whether a gigantic mistake has not all along been made in supplying arms and paying eighteen lakhs per annum to an ally who waits until formidable and successive resings are all suppressed to disclaim sympathy with them.

THE POLICY OF GOVERNMENT.

A good deal of wild talk is going about of the necessity of grasping the nettle of Afghanistan. But I have good authority for saying that while the Government of India are quietly collecting a sufficient force at Rawalpindi, not only to suppress any possible tribal combination but to take the offensive on the Afghan side of the border, if it be necessary, there is no intention at present to do more than teach the tribesmen who have actually risen such a lesson as they will not forget.

THE AMIR CENSURES THE GOVERNOR OF JELALABAD.

RUMOURED RISING OF THE TIRAH TRIBES.

The Amir appears disposed to mend his hand. His Highness has written to the Governor of Jelalabad calling him severely to task for permitting Afghan subjects to participate in the attack on the Shabkadr Fort and in the Tochi Valley raids.

It is rumoured, however, that there is a very serious outburst amongst the powerful Tirah tribes. It is probable that the news of the concentration of the strong moveable force which is being rapidly assembled at Rawalpindi, will prevent this movement from coming to a head. It is chiefly serious in this respect that the fighting material which might be involved amongst the Afridis and their near neighbours amounts to something like sixty thousand men, a great number of whom have been trained in the Indian army.

Both Kohat and Peshawar are so strong that they defy attack, but the wisdom of what has been done in concentrating three strong brigades, ready to follow up the raiders and inflict immediate punishment, if attempt on either should be made, is sufficiently obvious.

THE RISING OF THE FRONTIER.

MORE TROOPS ORDERED TO KOHAT.

HEAVY FLOODS STOP THE MALAKHAND BRIGADE.

The 9th Field Battery, half of the Scots Fusiliers, 18th Bengal Lancers, and 15th Sikhs have been ordered to Kohat to still further strengthen that important station.

The Commandant and Staff are not yet appointed.

It is reported that the Governor of Khost, in Afghan territory, has sent word to the Tunis, who recently carried off a large number of camels in the Tochi Valley, that they will be severely punished if they raid again into British territory.

The bridge over the main Kabul river between Peshawar and Shabkadr, is finished, and carts were being taken over yesterday. It was the same night put to a very severe strain by the heavy flood which came down from the hills, but was saved by the exertions of the R. E. officers. The Charsadda Bridge, lower down on Mardan Road, however, was carried away.

Telegraphic communication with Shabkadr Fort was opened to-day.

The Malakhand Brigade, which was to have moved up to the left bank of the Swat River, this morning, and given the Swatis a very necessary lesson, was stopped by heavy rain.

The Brigade will probably start to-morrow.

NO SIGN OF THE ENEMY.

PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE DISTURBANCE

To relieve the troops ordered to Kuhat, the the Bengal Cavalry move from Jullundur to Rawalpindi, the 13th Bombay Infantry from Deesa to Ferozepore; and four Companies 5th Bombay Infantry from Rajkote to Deesa.

No actual outbreak has yet taken place, and news from Fort Lockhart, on the Samana range, reports no gathering in that direction. It is now stated that the Orukzais are alone implicated.

It seems that last year the Duty on salt which the Afridis and other tribesmen to the north-west of Kohat obtain from that station was raised from eight annas to two rupees per maund. They laid in large supples before the change came into force, but those are now said to be exhusted, and this fact is suggested as one of the reasons added to the general spirit of the Mahomedan unrest which prevails, as responsible for the present disturbances. It is reported that the Governor of Khost has had the camels looted from the Tochi, all collected together, and has sent to Kabul for orders as to their disposal.

Our Poona correspondent wires:—

Surgeon-Major Addison from Kirkee, Surgeon-Captain Read from Poona, Surgeon-Captafn Slayter and Surgeon-Major Willis from Ahmednagar have all been ordered to proceed to Bombay for duty with the Field Hospital going to Rawalpindi.

Lieutenant Wellesley, L. Battery Royal Horse Artillery, is appointed Orderly Officer to Brigadier-General Westmacott and is directed to proceed forthwith from Kirkee to Rawalpindi.

The 14th Bombay Infantry left for Bareilly, this evening, by two special troop trains. The firs train left at7-15 with four Companies and heavy bag gage under Captain Searle and Lieutenant Light, the men appearing fit, and shouting the whole way "Maharani-ki-jai." The second train with the head quarters, under command of Colonel Lyster, left by 9 o'clock' train. The head-quarter was headed by the Band of the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers.

SECUNDERABAD, AUG. 16.

The Northamptons were despatched to Rawalpindi by two special troop trains, this evening.

The Fifth Madras Infantry leave to-morrow.

LAHORE, AUG. 16.

The Sappers and Miners en route from Gilgit to Kashmir have been sent back to Gilgit, and other Imperial Service Troops on the same march have been detained temporarily.

Many British Officers are returning from Kashmir to join their regiments.

The death is announced, at Ladakh, of Miss Petrie, Church of England, Zenana Mission.

QUARTERS FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

As married quarters at Peshawar are required for troops, a number of soldiers' wives and children are being sent to Murree.

Good rain has fallen throughout the provinces. The autumn crops are now safe, and the winter prospects considerably forwarded.

FIELD HOSPITALS FROM BOMBAY.

The Sassoon Dock, Colaba, has been fixed as the equipping station of Nos. 23 and 24 British and Nos. 62 and 63 Native Field Hospitals which are being mobilized to proceed to Rawalpindi. The undermentioned medical officers have been placed in charge of the Field Hospitals under orders for Rawalpindi, as stated against their names:—1, Surgeon-Major C. J. Addison, A. M. S., No. 24 British Field Hospital; 2, Surgeon-Major W. E. Berryman, A. M. S., No. 23 British Field Hospital; 3, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Wilkins, D. S. O., I. M. S., No. 62 Native Field Hospital; and 4, Surgeon-Major C. F. Willis, I. M. S., No. 63 Native Field Hospital.

THE RISING IN SWAT.

THE special correspondent of the *Pioneer*, writing from Amandara, on Wednesday, says:—The weather up here has been cooler the last few days—cloudy with occasional showers. The disposition of the troops remains as before; the 1st brigade, including the Guides Cavalry, the 11th B. L., the 10th Field, and the 1st and 7th Mountain Batteries here, and the 2nd brigade with the 8th native Mountain Battery at Khar. There are a good many Pathans still lingering about among the crops, and orders have been issued for a guard to accompany the mail tonga from Malakhand to Chakdara. It is impossible to say too much in praise of the postal arrangements, which are carried out by Messrs. Dhanjiboy and Son, under the directions of the postal authorities. A tonga starts from Nowshera immediately on arrival of the mail train, and is now timed to reach Malakhand about 4 p.m. It leaves Malakhand again at 5 and mails are delivered the same evening at Khar, Amandara and Chakdara. Owing to the unpunctuality of the trains this arrangement has only just come into force, but it will continue for the future. Again the mail tonga leaves Chakdara at 8 p.m., arrives Malakhand 10-30, Nowshera 5 p.m., in time to catch both the up and down trains. In addition to this, and owing to press of business, another tonga plies daily between Malakhand and Chakdara leaving Malakhand 12 noon, arrives Chakdara 2 p.m., and leaves Chakdara 4-30, reaching Malakhand again 7 p.m.

Considering the rush of traffic there has been during the last 10 days between Nowshera and Malakhand, and the broken state of the road between Chakdara it reflects the greatest credit on all concerned that these arrangements should have been carried out with the completeness and punctuality that they have. Rumours were rife at Nowshera on Saturday and Sunday on the subject of the Peshawar rising about which no certain information had been received; and these were enhanced by an order which suddenly arrived to unload 110 camels who were on the point of starting for the Malakhand, and to despatch them at once to Peshawar. The passenger tonga traffic there is now in the hands of the military authorities who arrange all details. Tongas only ply as far as Dargai, with the exception of the mail—it of course drives right up to the pass. The road is in good condition all along, but the last miles up to Malakhand are very, and were so called, Malakhand there are but few traces of the late severe fighting. The North Camp is chiefly occupied by transport mules, and the brick serai which gave such good cover to the enemy the first night has been partially demolished, nearly the whole of the dead bodies have been disposed of, and the bridges on the road between Amandara and Chakdara were repaired yesterday.

Amandara is a good camp for the troops after their trying march up. It lies on the left of the road and runs down nearly the river. On the other side of the road there is a belt of trees half mile long where it is shady and cool during the heat of the day. Horses and mules look very well after their hard march. The 10th Field Battery suffered the most—nearly all their casualties occurring in the seven miles up from Dargai, and as they marched that day from Jalala to Khar, a distance of 25 miles, it is not to be wondered at; but the animals are quickly recovering their condition, with the help of plenty of loot from the neighbouring villages. Amongst other things about 10 miles of telegraph wire were routed out yesterday which had formerly carried messages from Malakhand to Chakdara. The good condition of the transport mules is very noticeable.

The 16th F. B. and the West Kent started, early this morning to pay a call on Aladand, and parties of the Guides and 11th Bengal Lancers are going out later for a reconnaissance up the left bank of the Swat river towards the passes leading into Buner, the inhabitants of which are still reported to be unsettled.

The unrest on the frontier and the requirements of two Field, Forces has thrown a strain upon our military organisation which although by no means too great for our resources, does still serve to indicate how much we are incommoded by having to cling to

THE SHREDS OF AN OBSOLETE SYSTEM.

Ever since the occupation of Chitral and of the garrisoned posts in Waziristan, we have been short of troops for the necessary work of the frontier; and it is only by splitting regiments up into squadrons and companies and spreading them out thin, and by borrowing from other commands battalions that we know perfectly well can never be returned, that the force at our disposal is made to serve. Exclusive of any recent calls for active service in the Tochi, in Swat and at Peshawar, there are now three and a-half regiments of Madras Infantry, lent without exchange to other commands, while Bombay has to borrow a regiment of cavalry for the Quetta district from the Punjab or Bengal. In a few months two more Madras battalions will be released permanently from the Burma service, and must either be sent to some station in Southern India where they are not required, or else transferred for garrison duty to Bengal or Bombay. In either case there will be a surplus of over five Madras battalions not needed for Madras. Meanwhile the Frontier Force stands in urgent need of being brought up to its full strength by the restoration of a cavalry and an infantry regiment, and three battalions of Gurkhas are rusting uselessly in Assam.

As we noticed some time ago the Amir of Kabul is welcoming back to Afghanistan refugees both from India and Central Asia. He apparently feels now so secure that he can afford to adopt more generous policy than he has hitherto followed. Thus Mahomed Hussain Khan, son of Karim Khan, Khugiani, who fled with Sardar Ishak Khan to Russian territory in 1888, has been permmitted a return to Kabul. He was presented with a handsome *khillat* at his first interview with Abdur Rahman, to whom he has sworn allegiance. Another man, Niaz Mahomed Khan, Ghilzai, who has been for years a refugee in Peshawar, has also been allowed to return. He has been ordered to reside permanently at Gandamak. Sayad Ahmad, son of the ex-Badshah of Kunar, who left Peshawar with a following of some 200 persons was treated with distinction during his journey to Kabul and was well received there. He travelled up with Colonel Ghulam Rasal, the Amir's Agent in India. We shall probably hear soon of more refugees returning to Afghanistan. Sardar Ayub Khan's following has dwindled to small dimensions owing to defections, and there are only a few Sardars who share his exile. Abdur Rahman, perhaps, considers that it is safer to have under supervision near Kabul the old adherents of the Sher Ali family than to allow them to intrigue outside the frontier. Ayub Khan and Ishak Khan will, of course, never return: they are much too wise to place themselves in the Amir's power.—*Pioneer.*

PREPARED FOR ANOTHER ATTACK.

Since I wrote to you writes the *Englishman's* special correspondent from Malakhand, we have had a rumour that the Buner wals and Hindustani fanatics were going to attack the troops at Khar or Amandarah, but the latest news of them is that they are going to give up any idea of attacking us for the present, and are going to watch instead all the passes leading into the Yusufzai country. I fancy knowing that Brigadier-General Meiklejohn was not likely to be caught napping had a good deal to do with the change of plans, and also that there is a good moon at present. Just before the new moon is the most likely time for a night attack, or perhaps on some cloudy night, but the tribes could hardly gather in time for an attack after they had seen what sort of a night there was likely to be. I passed through the 1st Brigade camp yesterday, and saw the troops busy putting the finishing touches to the abattis on the south side, that being the side from which an attack would be made.

The Guides Cavalry and XI, Bengal Lancers were out yesterday morning reconnoitring the Morah and Shahkot passes, but found no signs of any tribal gathering; in fact, everybody seemed to have vanished, though a few men were seen in caves right up on the top of the hills. A small quantity of cattle, ponies, donkeys, etc, were brought in, and I saw one small group of prisoners, one of them carried pick-a-back by one of his comrades, being escorted into the Malakhand by stalwart Sikh, who swaggered along behind them with a drawn sword. In most of the villages visited by troops, there are signs that articles have been recently buried but time does not allow of a proper search being made.

It is rumoured that when Thana was burnt one luckly prize found Rs. 250 in the false bottom of a chatti, and that a comrade had already searched it before and had put it down when the other, with more astuteness, noticed that it weighed heavier than an empty chatti should do

The latest report about the "Mad Mullah," or as he ought to be called "Mad Fakir," for he is not a Mullah in reality, is that he had gone to "Abach" or "Aba" and to Barikot in the valley of the Aba Khel, after he had failed to raise the Shamzai villages, and that he had been equally unsuccessful there, apparently the tribes are not anxious to come to close Enfield with us at present. Burikot is on the left quarter of the Swat river and opposite to the Shamzai bank of which are on the right bank.

villages, news is known here about the rising in Not much district, except that Lieutenant-Colonel the Mohmand d ing the 20th Punjab Infantry, has Woon, command moved from Pesha ar with a column from the garrison there and relieved the Fort at Shabkadar yesterday at noon, which was being attacked by 3,000 to 4,000 Momands under the leadership of the Adda Mullah Colonel Woon is expected to attack the position which they have taken up to-day. Two days ago there was a rumour that there was trouble in the Peshawar district and that the transport which was to have been sent on here was to stand fast at Peshawar.

There seems to be no doubt that there is a strong wave of religious antagonism against our rule spreading all round the frontier; the only district where there has not been an open rupture is along the Quetta district. Perhaps it is too soon to be certain of that, yet the Maris may repeat their rising of last year which was so promptly nipped in the bud by General Gatacre when he captured the Sunari Ghazis.

A QUESTION OF POLICY.

"Orakzai," writing to an up-country contemporary asks:—Why are not all our appropriated frontier lands treated like the rest of conquered India, disarmed and forced to live at peace under guaranteed protection from wild neighbours, instead of being permitted to maintain their arms as a standing menace to the country, to the direct encouragement of "surprises" and revolts, and to the deliberate incitement to murder under the guise of *ghazi-ism*. Why should we talk of "fanatics" and *ghazis* when men armed up to the eyes are allowed free pass and entry in such stations as Peshawar for instance? It is surely time to inaugurate some saner policy for the frontier from Quetta to Gilgit than has hitherto prevailed. A correspondent has advised the replacement of the Piffer regiments in Waziristan and elsewhere by transfer of the three Gurkha regiments from Assam. It is doubtful how this would work—ignorant as they are of the languages, customs, and tactics of the frontier tribesmen. But the suggestion, so far as removal of these localised corps to other Indian stations is concerned, merits the serious consideration of the authorities. How much these corps have suffered from their long isolation from the rest of the army in India let those tell who have so frequently before represented these matters, apparently so far with little avail. The augmentation of the Military Police Battalions in Assam of late years have rendered the localisation of these regiments any further of little necessity, while the improvement of communications of late has still further reduced the arguments in its favour. For a time at least some other corps may be required to take their place. But what is so very badly needed in the face especially of the urgent necessity for raising the efficiency of our army to its highest, is the opportunity to mingle with other Imperial troops in cantonment of field of exercise or in frontier expeditions other than the few limited ones on the eastern border. Why, indeed, should not each Gurkha corps in India have its tour of alternate triennial or quadrennial transfer to the station occupied by its reliever in some other part of India? The marches between may be usefully utilized in camps of exercise if necessary. The troops will thus also have an opportunity of widening their experience—both militarily and economically, and health and efficiency generally would thereby be furthered. Surely, it is very bad policy to let any section of our army run down when any day may see us face to face with a European enemy. To be forewarned is to be armed.

THE TRIBES OF SWAT AND BUNER.

The rising of the Bunerwals, the Swatis and their neighbours writes a correspondent of the frontier paper lends interest at the present moment to a brief account of these turbulent tribes.

THE BUNERWALS.

The Bunerwals belong to the Yusaf section of the Yusafzai tribe, and comprise the Illaszai and the Malizai sub-divisions, and, as their name implies, they inhabit the Buner Valley. They first came into collision with the British Government during the Umbeyla campaign in 1863, when they offerred considerable resistance; but eventually undertook to disband their armed force, to destroy Malka and to drive the disaffected Hindustanis out of their country. They carried out these engagements and remained quiet till 1838, when the Salarzai clan of the Illaszai sub-division burnt a village in British Yusafzai. They were blockaded for this outrage till they agreed to re-build the village and pay a fine. In 1875 the Chagarzai section of the Malizais, together with some neighbouring tribesmen, raided the Agror border. In a few months, however, most of those concerned came in and submitted. In July 1877 the Bunerwals raided the border villages of the Sudum valley. Ajab Khan, one of the principal local chiefs, incited them to take this action. The raiders were beaten back by the villagers; and as a punishment the Bunerwals were blockaded and fined. Ajab Khan was arrested and sent on to Peshawar, where he was tried and executed in June 1878. Unrest continued amongst the Bunerwals for a year or so and then gradually calmed down, and the peace was not disturbed till May 1883, when the Salarzai section burnt the village of Pirzai. In the following month the Ashuzai clan raided Baroch; and in the ensuing December the Nurzai clan broke out into acts of violence. All these clan were in consequence blockaded; but they held out; and as the disaffection seemed to be increasing, it was decided to despatch a military force against the Bunerwals. In February 1887, however, these tribesmen submitted and agreed to the Government terms without any military measures becoming necessary. The other sub-divisions of the Yusaf section of Yusafzai are the Kanizai, Iszai and Akazai. The Ranizais inhabit the Total hills in the western portion of the Swat Valley, and are supposed to be able to furnish about 3,000 fighting men. As early as 1852 punitive measures had to be adopted against the Ranizais and their allies, the Utman Khels. The latter are a Pathan tribe inhabiting the mountainous country on both sides of the river from the Koh-i-Mohr to the Khanora mountain, and they intervene between the Ranizais and the Mohmands. The disturbance of 1852 was originally due to the discontent and disaffection of a local chief, named Ajun Khan, who held the large village of Tangi on the Swat river, part rent free; he desired to be entirely freed from revenue payment and to be exempted from attending courts, etc. As he could not obtain these privileges, he went out with a number of his followers into the Utman Khel country and was granted several villages in jagir by the Saiyid Akhund of Swat, who apprehended a British attack, and sought to interpose fighting settlers as a barrier to any advance from India. The villages assigned to Ajun Khan and his followers were separated from British territory by the country of the Ranizais, through which Ajun Khan's retainers passed when they raidad British territory. In March 1852 a detachment of the Guides was attacked at Gugar Garhi by a number of these retainers under Mukarram Khan. It was found that

THE RANIZAIS

were seriously implicated in the outrage, so a force under Sir Colin Campbell was marched against them from Peshawar. They, however, submitted without hostilities, and consented to pay a fine of Rs. 3,000 and to surrender three of their headmen as hostages. In a short while, however, they disavowed these hostages, and expelled their families from their country. In April 1852, Ajun Khan himself, with 200 horsemen, attacked Charsada, the head-quarters of the Hashnagar tehsil. The treasury was plundered, and the Tehsildar and several officials were killed. The Hashnagar tehsil was naturally thrown into a state of alarm; and as the Utman Khels and the Ranizais were the chief disturbers of the peace an expeditionary force of 5,000 men under Sir Colin Campbell was marched against them. The Utman Khels, who were first attacked, offered a stubborn resistence; but they were completely overcome and driven out of their strongholds, and their chief villages of Prangbar and Nawadand were destroyed. The British troops next passed into the Ranizai country and seized the leading tribal headman. No agreement was imposed on the Utman Khels, but they remained on good behaviour for several years after this severe lesson. The Ranizai chiefs submitted, and asked to become British subjects; this request, however, was not granted; but they were allowed to re-settle on certain terms; and a road was constructed as Abazai on the Swat river to overawe these tribesmen. Order was now completely restored; and the peace was not disturbed till December 1876, when the Utman Khel suddenly attacked a gang of unarmed Muhammadan coolies who were working on the Swat Canal near Abazai. A small expeditionary force now visited the Utman Khel hills and destroyed the village of Sapri; the force then moved on to the village of Bacha, where the tribal leaders submitted and accepted the Government terms. In 1877 the Ranizais at Skahot became trouble some, and harboured outlaws; a small expeditionary force, however, brought them to their senses; and they at once complied with the Government terms. The Isazai sub-division of the Yusaf section inhabit both sides of the Indus near the Black Mountain, and can farnish about 5,000 fighting men. In 1851 the Hasanzais, one of their clans, murdered two custom-house officials, so in the following year an expeditionary force visited their country and burnt the villages and stores. The tribes, men, however, did not submit. Bostan Khan, Minister of the Nawab of Amb, who had instigated the murder, was deported to Lahore, where he died. After this the tribesmen were quiet till 1863, when they raid ed some Tanawal villages. Before a punitive expedition was despatched the tribesmen submitted in 1864. In July 1868 they attacked the Oghi police post in Agror valley, with the consequence that a small expeditionary force under Colonel Rothney was despatched from Abbottabad. The Nawab of Amb sent a small contingent, and the Agror valley was kept free; and in the following October a European and native force of about 18,000 men, under Brigadier-General Wilde, together with a Kashmir Contingent marched against the Black Mountain. There was very little resistance on the part of the tribesmen, and easy terms were imposed. The Khan of Agror, Ata Muhammad Khan, who was disaffected, and had instigated the disturbance, was removed as a State prisoner to Lahore. The tribesmen continued their raids during his captivity, and they were accordingly blockaded. In 1870 Ata Muhamad was restored on condition of being responsible for the peace. He died in 1875, and was succeeded by his son, Ali Gauhar Khan, who was made a Khan Bahadur in 1887. In 1872 the Hasanzais and Akazais raided the village of Ghanian in the Agror valley. Before punitive measures were taken

THE TRIBESMEN QUARRELLED,

so the various clans came in and submitted. In 1884 hostilities broke out owing to the disputes between the Khan of Agror and his cousin, Abdulla Khan, about some property. The adherents of the former committed numerous raids on the valley; they were blockaded and an expedition was sent against them, and their complete reduction effected. In 1888 the Khan of Agror was removed and placed in political detention at Kangra, on account of his repeatedly fomenting disturbances. In the following year his cousin submitted and was detained for a few months, and then released on undertaking to be peaceful. In 1887 Hashim Khan, the Chief of the Hasanzais, sent a raiding party into the Agror valley; and in the following year a company of the 2-5th Ghurkas, under Major Battye was attacked while on a route march in the Black Mountain. Major Battye, Captain Urmston and some Gurkhas, who remained with a wounded sepoy, were surrounded and killed.

In 1888 an expedition was sent against the Hasanzais and the Akazais, who were heavily fined and made responsible for the conduct of Hashim Ali Khan, or whoever their chief might be. They also acknowledged the right of the British Government to send troops, police, etc., to the Black Mountain. In 1890 the Government of India decided to construct certain roads in Agror, in order to bring the tribesmen under better control. They were armed not to offer resistance, but they dred into the British camp at Burchar and Hashim Ali and other headmen assumed a hostile attitude. In the following year an expedition was sent against the Black Mountain; and the Hazara Field Force, as it was styled, by degrees occupied the whole of the country of the Hasanzais and Akazais. No serious resistance was offered, and the Government terms were accepted, with the exception of the surrender of Hashim Ali Khan who had fled from their country. The tribesmen, however, undertook to surrender him if he returned. In 1892 Hashim Ali Khan returned, and as the tribesmen disregarded the summons to surrender him, a force under General Lockhart was sent to Baio, where he had settled. On the arrival of the troops the place was found to be deserted, Hashim having fled; and all that could be done was to destroy its defences. This brings us up to events of quite recent date with regard to these tribesmen. Their Yusafzai section comprises over 100,000 souls, and can furnish about 45,000 fighting men. The other section of Yusafzais is designated Mandan, and can furnish 30,000 fighting men. Some of this section helped the British, in their attack on the Hindustani fanatics at Sitana; others were opposed to the British, and one clan fought against Sir Neville Chamberlain's force during the Umbeya campaign of 1863.

THE SWATIS.

The Swatis are not a pure Pathan tribe, but are believed to be of Indian origin. They originally occupied the territory between the Hydaspes and Jalalabad; but were gradually driven out by Afghan tribes, and the Yusafzais deprived them of Swat and Buner; they accordingly crossed the Indus and settled at Alahi, Nandihar, Tikri, etc., during the sixteenth century. The Swatis of Alahi are a clan known as Thor, and their country is a mountainous region adjoining Kohistan and touching Kaghan. In 1863 the Alahiwals attacked a survey party during the Black Mountain expedition, and refused to submit. In 1874 they violated British territory during a quarrel with the Kohistanis. They were accordingly blockaded and submitted during the following year. In 1878 they raided Battal and carried off some Hindu men and women who were British subjects. Other outrages followed, and the Alahiwals were blockaded, and in 1880 surrendered the Hindus. In 1887 a raid was made on the Bezarmang border and a great quantity of cattle carried off. The Nandikhar Swatis are well-behaved, for they occupy a fertile valley on the borders of the Hazara valley, which can easily be reached. They formally submitted in 1888. The Swatis of Tikri, which adjoins Agror and Konsh, submitted in 1888, their country having been occupied during the Black Mountain expedition. Those of Deshi, on the eastern face of the Black Mountain, submitted in 1876. They had taken part in the raid of the Agror valley in 1868 in common with other tribesmen, and were fined Rs. 1,000.

THE NEW THREE AND A-HALF PER CENT LOAN.

ACCEPTED TENDERERS.

THE period for receiving tenders for the loan of three crores at 3½ per cent. expired yesterday morning. Tenders were received in Bombay and Madras by the Accountants-General and by the Comptroller-General in Calcutta. The tenders received in Bombay, in accordance with the official announcement, were opened by the Accountant-General, Mr. E. Lawrence, and placed upon the table in a sealed envelope, but not declared. The proceedings, which commenced at 11 o'clock were public, and took place at the office of the Accountant-General. It is said that a crore and a-quarter of rupees were tendered for in Bombay. No tender was accepted for less than Rs. 10,000, and each was accompanied by a deposit of not less than one-hundredth, or if the tender was for less than five lakhs of rupees, then for not less than one-fiftieth part of the tender.

THE NEW LOAN.

The tenders for the new loan were Rs. 5,97,30,000; minimum rate accepted, Rs. 98-1. Tenderers at this rate received 67·25 per cent. of tenders—average rate Rs. 98-5-3-188. The amount of tenders in Bombay was Rs. 1,44,94,500, and accepted Rs. 1,12,75,000. The list of successful tenderers is as under:—

Agra Bank, Ltd	Motiram Ramdas
Abdinbhai Pirbhai Damji	Naginbhai Devchand Javeri
Ardashir Rustomji Divecha	Naginbhai Ghelabhai Jhaveri
Bank of Bombay	Nansee Khairaz and Co
B Bhikaji Kanga	Narondas Purshotamdas
Bejonji Merwanji Dewan, Gondal State	National Bank of India, Ltd
Bhaidas Gulabdas	Nurmamad Kasum
Bhikaji Rattonji Nariman	Nusserwanji Pestonji and Co
Bomanji Dorabji Pudumji	Pestonji Eduiji Mehta
Byramji Eduiji Umrigar	Poorannmal Goolji Singhani
Credit Lyonnais	Premchand Roychand
Cooverji Merwanji Mehta	Purbhadas Jiwandas
Cursetji Furdunji Vacha	Purhotam Narbheram
Cursandas Harilal	Purshotam Prawalabh
Cursandas Lukhmidas	Rupchund Ranoomal
Darasha Rustomji and Co	Rangildas Kahandas Engineer
David Sassoon and Co	Rewashunker Jugjiwan
Davidas Pranjiwandas	Rustumji Manekji Engineer
Deepchand Nahalchand	Rustumji Nusserwanji Mehtaji
Dhunji Coovarji	Ruttonsey Premji
Dinshaw Bomonji	Sassoon Ezekiel Ezra Elisha
Dinshaw Manekji Davar	Shapurji Burjorji Bharucha
Ebrahim Hajee Haroon	Shapurji Sorabji
Fakirchand Premchand	Shunkerlal Narbheram
Jokalbhai Mulchand	Shunkerprasad Hariprasad Desai
Gulam Hussein Ludhabhai Ebrahim	Stewart, James
Grindlay Groom and Co	Tribhowandas Jamnadas
Hemkooverbai, widow of Ramji Madhowji	Turner, Charles Agnew
I R Kadirbhoy	Vasanji Nathu
Ismailbhai Peerbhoy Dam-mas	Veerji Harakchand
Jehangir Bhikaji	Vicaji Nowroji
Jutha Harakhchand Desai	William, Watson and Co
Khimji Haridas	Wyatt, Sydney Ld
Manekji Nowroji Powwalla	
Mansukhram S Tripathi	
Merwanji Mancherji Postwalla	
Muncherji Cowasji Daver	

THE PARSEE-PRESIDENCY MATCH.

THE following gentlemen have been selected to represent the Parsees in the above match. The game will be played

THE AMIR AND BRITISH INDIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I enclose an extract from the "Levant Herald" of the 22nd July, 1897, containing some observations from the Russian newspaper, the "Novoe Vremya," on the possibility of a war between the "Afghan Monarch" and the British, and suggesting that Russia should now show her good will to the Amir of Kabul I also predicting that we shall very soon see another Indian mutiny.

The Russian press seems to be very ignorant of the power of the Indian Government, who could, if it chose, on an emergency and at very short notice, levy a force of (500,000) men in India to defeat any attempt at invasion, the new levies taking the place of the Native Army, which is doing police duty all over India at present.

In my opinion, we shall never hold India without constant trouble unless we annex Afghanistan and bring it under our dominion and thus follow the example of the old Emperors of Delhi. We have been so obliging as to provide the Amir with money, which he has used to establish manufactories of arms of precision and cannon, which in the course of time will be turned against India. The Afghans are certainly not going to attack the Russians, for there is nothing to be gained by raiding in that direction into sandy deserts. But we have taken the Afghans under our protection, and it is a question whether the Amir has not been guilty of breach of treaty by sending a mission to the Porte recently.

It is to be hoped that when the Afghans do come our way that there will be a large force of Cavalry, especially of Lancers, in the Punjab to repel them. At present our Cavalry are located all over the country, in Rajpootana and elsewhere, doing police duty, but it would be well to have a large force near the frontier, for although the Afghan hillmen will face Infantry, they always fall into a state of panic when charged by Cavalry. It is devoutly to be hoped that the Government of India will after the fights at Maiakhand and Shabkadar take prompt measures to increase the number of British officers with our gallant Native troops. It is true letters were found at Thana, in which the Amir declined to assist the tribesmen of Swat. Our Government cannot place any reliance on that fact, perhaps it was considered at Cabul that the action of the tribesmen was premature; at all events, taking into consideration the known treacherous character of the Afghans, it would be the height of credulity to suppose that although, perhaps not officially directed, the tribesmen did not know they would have covert sympathy from the Amir. The attacks were made with the view of dealing death to the Giaour? I believe the letters found in Thana were put there to lull us into security.

We are now beginning to reap the fruits of our advance from our base into the Afghan hills, and have two very expensive expeditions on our hands in consequence; both originating in the desire of the Political officer to levy a fine of Rupees three hundred (300) from the Datta Khel.—Yours, &c.,

J. P. NIXON,
Major-General.

Aug. 13.

Levant Herald, of the 22nd JULY, 1897.

AN AFGHAN ENGLISH WAR.

ODESSA, July 18.—Under the above alarmist heading the *Novoe Vremya* utters a very sinister prediction. The Afghan Monarch, says the Russian journal, has found the British yoke intolerable and has resolved upon asserting his absolute independence at all costs. The mint at Cabul is working day and night, and has past coining new Afghan money specially designed for the prosecution of the "holy war" against the British. "Probably," continues the *Novoe Vremya*, "we shall very shortly witness a second Indian mutiny in which the Mohammedan element will play the leading part. The commencement of this impending desperate attempt to expel the English from India will be made by the Ameer Abdul Rahman. Russia cannot look on unconcerned at such a grave movement as this. If, in the coming issue, England should prove victorious and annex the whole of the present Afghan dominions, as she naturally would do, Russia would for ever be deprived of the possibility of pushing her Central Asian possessions to the sea. England has frequently proved to the enemy by furnishing our foes with money and arms, but we have never yet retaliated with the same weapons. The time has now come for us to do so; what is to prevent us showing our good will to the Amir in substantial form? It is our plain duty and policy to do so. In 1879, when our position and our interests in Central Asia were by no means so consolidated as they are now, General von Kaufmann was in regular correspondence with the Amir Yakub Khan, who was ever ready to stand by us. But at that time, unfortunately, there was a British Mission at Cabul which controlled the internal situation of the khanate, and ultimately succeeded in establishing a protectorate over the country through the person of the new Amir Abdurrahman. Russia's opportunities were for the time being lost. If, however, Abdurrahman be convinced of Russia's intentions to observe an absolute neutrality in case of an Afghan-English war, he will draw his troops from the northern provinces and hurl them in a concentrated mass against the enemy. For the equipment of his army the Amir has more than sufficient material at Cabul, manufactured on the spot under British experts." Here M. Savorin's oracular utterances suddenly cease. We are not told what benefit Russia is to reap for her friendly neutrality, or how her Central Asian possessions are to find an outlet in Eastern waters once the British protectorate in Afghanistan is abolished. Since Abdurrahman requires neither money nor arms to rid himself of the "British yoke," Russia can, according to the *Novoe Vremya*, only assist him with the cheap gift of her neutrality, and, for the moment, and pending the accomplished fact of the "Afghan Victory," she is too modest to say what she expects in return for her non-intervention. The *Novoe Vremya* will probably further enlighten its readers on this important point when the mutinous Amir is dictating terms of peace from Peshawar to the remnant of the British garrison in India. Being so absolutely assured of the coming Afghan-English war, the least the Russian journal could do would be to fix a date for the commencement of the struggle. When the Amir has depleted his northern provinces of their garrisons in order to mass his forces against the British, Russia's friendly neutrality may prompt her to pour her troops into the defenceless region, merely, of course, to assist the Amir in keeping his own. But this is only one of many petty details which the *Novoe Vremya* will arrange after the campaign has been duly opened.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

The *Moscow Gazette* describes the approaching visit of President Faure to Russia as "a new triumph for the Dual Alliance," and goes on to say: "Without the slightest desire to exaggerate the importance of the event, we confidently predict that the arrival of the French President in Russian territory will be marked by the stormy ovation of the whole Slav Empire, and the sympathies existing between the two peoples will receive a new birth. With this national demonstration, and with this new Franco-Russian triumph, the dual Alliance will receive, in the eyes of all Europe, the seal of its lasting consolidarity and inviolability. The power and prestige of the Alliance, steadily growing since 1891, will be crowned and consummated by the meeting of the Tsar and the President on the banks of the Neva, in Peter's capital. The phrasing of the Imperial invitation to M. Faure is especially noteworthy and significant. 'All Russia expects you,' said his Majesty, and the whole nation will greet the President, and in his person, the French people. This is no ordinary visit of courtesy: it is an international event of unlimited magnitude. Its political importance cannot well be overrated. Many grave questions affecting the European situation will be discussed between the Tsar and his illustrious guest, and the other Powers—more especially England—are anxiously awaiting the political results of the meeting. We Russians should not forget in the moment of the final triumph of this happily consummated alliance, that it was Alexander III. who founded the duality and prepared the way for his son and successor to make it the chief, if not the sole, arbiter of the peace of Europe."

The same tone of inflated jubilation marks nearly all the daily leading articles of the Russian Press now devoted to this all-absorbing topic. The visit of the German Emperor, which precedes that of the French President, is practically ignored in the general and joyful anticipations of the latter event. So marked, indeed, is this that one would imagine that there was a set purpose in the political Press to belittle the German visit and strip it of all political importance. It is just as well, at all events, that the Kaiser comes first, since the difference in the popular reception of the two visitors might have disagreeably impressed the Emperor William were he to arrive after the "stormy national ovations" prepared for M. Faure. As a matter of fact, however, the Metropolitan Press talks a lot of idle nonsense when it dilates upon the fervent and throbbing sympathies of the whole Russian nation for the French people. Outside the political and official world of Russia the mass of the people are absolutely unconcerned and apathetic, and they have no more respect for the French to-day than they had ninety years ago. And even among official and political circles there is a large and enlightened section who look upon the French Alliance as a temporary bond of mutual convenience.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., on Sunday, give the following results:—

Ward.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Middle and Lower Colaba	1	0	13
B Mandvie	1	1	31
C Dhobi Talao	1	2	36
D Khetwadi	0	0	9
E Kamatipura	1	0	46
F Parel	0	0	14
G Mahim	0	0	3
Non-Resident and unknown	0	0	6
Hospitals	0	2	10
Total	4	5	152

CHOLERA.

Attacks	38
Deaths	24

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Ward.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Middle and Lower Colaba	1	0	3
B Mandvie	0	0	23
C Khumbharwada	1	1	33
D Khetwadi	0	0	8
E Mazagon	0	0	43
F Parel	0	0	10
G Mahim	0	0	2
Non Resident and Unknown	0	0	1
Hospitals	0	2	15
Total	2	3	135
Total to date	12,711	10,746	

CHOLERA.

Attacks	13
Deaths	20

EPIDEMIC AT CUTCH MANDVIE.

From the telegraphic message received yesterday by the Plague Committee, from Cutch Mandvie, it appears that on Sunday there were eleven attacks from plague in the city at Cutch Mandvie. The number of deaths was four. There were forty-seven patients remaining under treatment in the hospital.

QUARANTINE CAMPS.

On Sunday, there were 82 persons under observation in the Wari Bunder Quarantine Camp, 14 persons were admitted and 9 discharged, leaving 87 under observation. In the Pilgrim shed, there were 7 persons under observation.

MORTALITY IN THE BYCULLA DISTRICT.

During the 24 hours ending 6 o'clock, yesterday morning, there were 25 deaths from all causes in the Byculla district. They were classified as follows:—Cholera, 6; fever and cough, 2; fever, 5; cough, 7; sore-leg, 1; eye sores, 1; asthma, 2; and dysentery, 1.

THE CONDITION OF THE POOR.

Sir James Campbell, C.I.E., President of the Plague Committee, early on Sunday morning met Dr. A. P. Dantes, Medical Officer, Dongri, No. 3 District, at the Oomercarry Jail, and, accompanied by Special Constables Messrs. G. Moses and Maneckjee Jamsetjee Chandans, they proceeded towards Nowrojee Hill, with a view of enquiring into the condition of the people, and the number of them that came from famine-stricken districts. They went round for a couple of hours, entering many of the houses. Sir James made very kindly enquiries after the condition of the families that he saw, and distributed money to the poor and deserving people. He was very genial and sympathetic, and the children seemed to be highly pleased at the bucksheesh that was given to them, and were very profuse in their salaams. The party went towards Valpakadi Road, and enquired after the health and condition of the people. This locality was very filthy, and Sir James expressed his regret that the poor people lived in such a bad locality. Dr. Dantes and Messrs. Moses and J. Chandana have carried out house-to-house visitation every day, including Sundays, for a long time past. The party broke up at about a-quarter to ten.

LOWER DAMAUN.

During the last two days there were respectively two and three deaths, none attributed to plague. Among the latter there was one of the children who, having been rendered entirely destitute and homeless by the death of their parents from plague, are being reared up at the cost and under the charge of Mr. Sorabji.

FOOTBALL.

FINAL OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT INTER COMPANY TOURNAMENT.

B. COMPANY VS. G. COMPANY.

THE Gymkhana gave up their right to the Coopperage ground, last eveing, in order that this match might be played, and the spectators were rewarded by an excellent and close game. The touch lines were lined with spectators, among whom the Military element was much to the fore. B. Company, the holders of the shield, had to lower their colours to the superior play of their opponents, G. Company, who hail from Deesa and Ahmedabad, and were beaten by two goals to one. Both goals of the winning team were scored in the first half, and though in the last 30 minutes B. Company looked like scoring over and over again, by the combined effort of the goal-keeper and bad luck they were prevented from doing so. The ground was very wet, and the ball in consequence very heavy, and the backs of both sides found it difficult to put in any really long kicks. Punctually at 5 o'clock the centre forward of G. Company started the leather, which was at once taken into their opponents, 25, and after a lot of loose kicking, was sent into touch. From the throw the forwards of B. Company got possession and pushed the ball back into the vicinity of their adversaries' goal. Up and down the field it travelled first one goal being threatened and then the other, until by a bit of loose play on the part of B. Company's backs, it was rushed down, and the first goal scored for the Deesa detachment amidst the cheers of the crowd. From the kick-off G. Company immediately got possession, and directly afterward notched their second point. The game from now was of a very even description up to half-time. In the second half B. Company, with the wind behind them, bucked up, and then forward, putting in some excellent combination, scored their only goal during the game. They made several determined efforts to equalise matters right up to the call of time, and two or three times only missed scoring by a matter of inches. But, then, luck was out and they retired from the field, beaten by 2 goals to 1. The game was quite one of the hardest that has been seen this season, and G. Company deserve every credit for their win. Mr. Hogan, of the Rovers' F. C. acted as referee.

THE DAIWADNYA COMMUNITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Referring to one R. M. Chonker's letter in your to-day's issue, the Shunker Shet family in the male line is considered to be extinct. Thus renewed attempt to force recognition of Sitaram Balcrushna alis Raujee's adoption in Shunker Shett's family, vetoed by an overwhelming majority, will therefore as usual fail. Chonker's father and grandfather Raghunath have all along acknowledged Mr. Harischandra Jeebaba and his family as the virtual heads of the community. There has been no pan-sopari ceremony yet, and consequently the whole Daiwadnya community comprising 4,000 people have not been invited. There are two divisions in the caste known to the public; both of them, I hear, have taken steps to give pan-sopari parties.—Yours, &c.,

Aug. 14. B. G. KAREKAR.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is a pity that your correspondent, Mr. R. M. Chonker, has, by his writing, widened the gulf of the rupture in the Daivadnya community. Similarly a correspondent did the same, sometime ago, in your columns in relation to the Daivadnya caste fund. The rupture of 20 years standing in the caste is on account of Mr. Raoji's adoption in the Shankershet family. Leading parties on either side are endeavouring to bridge over this opening, and it is hoped, therefore, in the interest of the a option that unnecessary quarrels should not arise. As a matter of fact, no pan-sopari ceremony has as yet taken place. There is time yet to invite the whole community for the purpose. The address will, I suppose, briefly narrate the services of the recipients of the honour. Mr. Harischandra Baba is the Shettia of the caste, a fact which Mr. Raujee's party do not dispute.—Yours, &c.,

Aug. 15. V. S. VAGAL.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

THE adjourned monthly meeting of the Municipal Corporation was held, yesterday afternoon, Mr. G. W. Roughton being voted to the chair in the absence of Sir George Cotton, and there were also present:—Messrs. Ardasir Framji Unwalla, Badrudin Bin Abdula Kur, Bhagwandas Narotamdas, the Honorable Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna Bhatawadekar, Messrs Byramjee Nusserwanjee Serval, H. O. Campbell, Cowasjee Hormusjee, T. W. Cuffe, Darashah Ratanji Chicbgar, Dr. Dominick A. D'Monte, Rao Bahadur Dhakji Kashinathji, Messrs. Dinsha B. Master, Dinsha Edulji Wacha, F. Edgelow, Fardunji Nasarwanji Bisni, Fazalbhai Jumabhai Lalji, Fazulbhoy Visram, H. G. Geli, Goolam Hoossin Allana, H. I. B. Hargrave, Hari Sitaram Dikshit, Hasambhai Visram, Charlestone Hewett, Hormusji Cursetji Cooriawalla, Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, Messrs. Jagmohandas Vandravandas Bhaisott, Jamsetji Cursetjee Jamsetji, Jamsedji Kharsetji Kama, Jaya Karadi Lingu, Kaikhosru Nasarwanji Bahadurji, Kaikhosro Nowroji Kabraji, Kaliandas Keshavdas, Kavasji Edalji Dadachanji, K. M. Shroff, Veterinary Major J. Mills, Messrs. Mir Aun Ali, Mirza Hussein Khan, Mulji Bhovanidas Barbhaya, Professor O. V. Muller, Dr. Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Mr. Rahimtulla Khairaz, the Hon'ble Mr. Rahimtulla Mohamed Sayani, Messrs. G. W. Roughton, Sunderdas D. Khote, Tribowandas Mungaldas Nathoobhoy, Drs. C. H. F. Underwood and Edward F. Underwood, Mr. Vasanji Khimji, Dr. Accacio Gabriel Viegas, Rao Saheb Vithalrao Krishnaji Vandekar, Commander G. Wilson, and Mr. Hajee Yoosoof Hajee Esmail.

LICENSE FEE OF A PRIVATE MARKET.

The Corporation considered resolution of the Standing Committee, dated 7th July, 1897, as under: That with reference to letter to the President dated 20th May last, from Messrs. Edgelow and Gulabchand, on behalf of Mr. Dhondiba Krishnaji, the owner of a private market, at Parel, the Standing Committee beg to report that with the approval of the Corporation, Messrs. Edgelow and Golabchand might be informed that the sum of Rs. 640 levied from their client, Mr. Dhondiba Krishnaji, is license fee in respect of the private market, and that such fee is chargeable at the discretion of the Corporation. That in the present case, the amount of the license was fixed after due consideration of all the circumstances and cannot be reduced.

Professor Muller moved, and Mr. Mir Aun Ali seconded, that the owners of the market be informed in terms of the resolution.

Mr. Unwalla proposed an amendment that Messrs. Edgelow and Gulabchand's letter to the President be referred to the Municipal solicitors for opinion on all the questions raised therein.

Mr. Hassanbhai Visram seconded the amendment.

Mr. Badrudin Kur proposed another amendment to the effect that the question of the fee to be charged to Mr. Dhondiba be referred back to the Commissioner and the Standing Committee, with the view of their re-considering the amount to be charged to Mr. Dhondiba.

Mr. Bhagwandass Narotumdass seconded the amendment, which was carried.

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REAY ROAD.

The Corporation considered memorandum to the Secretary, dated 19th June 1897, from the Executive Engineer, and requesting sanction to the acquisition, subject to certain conditions of property belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Permanandass Jiwandas, required for the construction of portion of Reay Road from Wari Bunder Road to Gunpowder Road, The approximate cost, Rs. 62,488, exclusive of the cost of cotton preventives, the capitalized value of Government dues, half cost of investigating title, conveyance, legal charges) to be met from the grant to the debit loan of charges, sanctioned by the Corporation in their resolution of the 12th April 1894.

On the motion of Mr. Unwalla the necessary sanction was given.

AN ADDITIONAL INSPECTOR.

Sanction was given to the employment of an additional Inspector for the survey of insanitary houses, in Kamatipura, on a salary of Rs. 100 per mensem, from 24th June 1897, the cost to be debited to the grants from the plague charges.

THE BHULESHWAR MARKET AND SCHOOL.

The Corporation considered letter from the Commissioner requesting sanction to the naming of the new building for the Bhuleshwar market and school, the "Mansfield Market and Schools," or "Sandhurst Market and Schools."

A proposal was submitted by Mr. Mir Aun Ali, and seconded by Mr. Mirza Hoosein Khan, to follow out the suggestion made by the Commissioner.

Mr. Dinshaw Wacha moved an amendment to the effect that the market be called Bhuleshwar Market, and that the school he called after Lord Sandhurst, who took so much interest in the construction of these schools.

The amendment being duly seconded, was put to the vote, with the result that 18 members voted for and an equal number against it. There being a tie, the chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, which was lost.

Dr. Cowasji: Mr. Chairman, what is the result?

The Chairman: The result is that the whole has dropped. This is not the first time in the annals of the Corporation that this has happened.

AERATED WATERS IN BOMBAY.

Mr. K. N. Kabraji, in accordance with a notice of motion given by him, moved that the Municipal Commissioner be requested to ask the Health Officer to report on the condition of the aerated waters, commonly manufactured and sold in Bombay, and to suggest measures for checking the mischief likely to be caused by the sale of impure stuff passed off as aerated waters in the city. He said that several complaints about the bad quality of aerated waters had recently appeared in the local papers, and he could testify to the truth of these complaints. He would remind the Corporation that the Health Officer himself, a few years ago, complained about the same thing in his report, drawing the attention of the Corporation to the bad quality of the waters sold in Bombay. These waters very often contained chalk and smelt of kerosine oil and other things which were injurious to public health. There was a great demand for these waters, which were sold very cheap in the bazaar, and being cheap, they were so largely consumed by the poorer classes, that it was highly probable that their health was injuriously affected. It was high time that something should be done to check the evil.

Mr. Rahimtulla Khairaj seconded the motion.

Dr. Katrak said that though he sympathised with the motion, the question was one which would be dealt with by the "Food and Drinks Committee," whose report would soon be submitted to the Corporation.

Mr. Wacha also sympathised with the motion., but he was opposed to an interference with trade, which the proposal would involve. There ought to be some practical suggestions made by the proposer of the motion.

Professor Muller thought that arated waters solde in the bazaar were to a certain extent responsible for sickness among the poorer classes, who largely consumed the waters. Steps ought to be taken to prevent dirty water placed in unclean bottles being sold as aerated waters.

Mr. Kabraji said that as Dr. Katrak assured the Corporation that the matter would be dealt with by the "Food and Drinks Committee," who intended to present their report at an early date, he begged to withdraw his motion.

The motion was allowed to be withdrawn.

WATER-CONNECTIONS IN THE CITY.

On the motion of Mr. C. Hewett, the Corporation resolved "That as the plague has now subsided the Corporation are of opinion that those districts, where water services have been disconnected, be now restored on such improvements and alterations to houses as the Commissioner may think fit to prescribe in the interest of public health."

DR. BAHADURJI'S ATTACK ON THE HEALTH OFFICER.

Dr. Bahadurji had given notice to move "(1) That the Corporation is of opinion that the Head of the Health Department of the Municipality should be a trained sanitary expert and bacteriologist, with modern knowledge and experience of sanitation work." "(2) That in view of the intended reorganization of the Health Department, and in the event of the Corporation desiring to arrange for securing the services of a Health Officer possessing the above qualifications, the Commissioner be requested to ascertain from Government whether it would suit them to take over the services of Dr. Weir, which have been lent to the Corporation before the expiry of his present term of office as Executive Health Officer, and if so, when Government will be pleased to make the arrangemet."

Dr. Bahadurji commenced to address the Corporation,

When Professor Muller rose and enquired if Dr. Bahadurji's motion was in order!

The Chairman ruled that under section 74 the Health Officer must be a legally qualified medical officer, but as that qualification was not contemplated by Dr. Bahadurji's first part of the motion, which related only to a sanitary expert and a bacteriologist, it was not in order. The second part, though not out of order, could not very well be placed before the Corporation on the ground of expediency, since Dr. Weir had only been re-appointed for the office only six months ago and under the term of the Act.

This concluded the business before the meeting.

PROSECUTION OF THE CAMBAY OPIUM FARMER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KAIRA, AUG. 14.

THE District Magistrate, Kaira, has issued a warrant for the arrest of the Cambay State Opium Farmer, who is alleged to have sold within British jurisdiction Rs. 900 worth of opium to an opium informer. The case has been detected through the instrumentality of Mr. Rustom Pestonji, Assistant Collector of Customs and Opium in Bombay. The accused when arrested will be liberated on his furnishing a security of Rs. 5,000.

THE SITUATION IN PORTUGUESE INDIA.

"A COMPLEX AND ACUTE CRISIS."

IN conformity with a resolution passed at a meeting of the Portuguese community, held on Thursday last, a committee, consisting of Drs. da Gama and Fylinto de Souza, Very Revd. Canons Faria and Lobo, and Messrs. Fialho, Menezes, Furtado, and Mascarenhas, waiting on his Excellency Colonel Machado, on Sunday, presented him with the following address:—

The Portuguese community of this city, at a general meeting, held on the 12th instant, appointed us members of a committee, on its behalf, to welcome your Excellency, on your arrival here on your way to Goa, and to say we perform this very grateful duty with great pleasure, and are happy to assure your Excellency that at this moment when we have the honour of welcoming you as the "locum tenens" of his Most Faithful Majesty, our August King, every Goan heart in whatever part of the world it beats, breathes a sincere prayer that Divine Providence may guide you in the Government of our country which you are about to undertake.

The Portuguese community always pays such homage of respect and sympathy to every Governor of our native country; on this occasion, however, exceptional circumstances move our hearts to pay this tribute to your Excellency. Fully alive to the very abnormal situation with which our country has been contending for nearly three years, and to the great political and financial difficulties which beset its actual administration, we do not overrate the grave responsibilities which your Excellency is about to undertake in taking charge of the helm of the Government of Portuguese India. Complex and acute is the crisis through which the country is now passing; not a revolt which has thrown the Novas Conquistas into disorder; the scarcity of foodstuffs which tells heavily upon the people, and the straitened circumstances in which the public treasury finds itself are grave problems which certainly will call for extraordinary exertions on your part for their satisfactory solution. There is, moreover, the chaotic disorganisation into which all the branches of public service have fallen, partly owing to the excessive or defective execution of public measures, and partly owing to the violent methods of administration by which the country has been governed by four Governors in less than three years. We are well aware that this is not an appropriate occasion for discussing such measures nor for suggesting other measures calculated to reduce the country to its normal condition, for, we fear, we shall by so doing only be taxing your Excellency's patience. Permit us, however, to direct your attention to the anomalous situation in which our country now finds itself. On account of the disgraceful revolt, the Government naturally impressed with it, and labouring under unfounded apprehensions of sedition, adopted measures so violent that there arose a barrier of separation between the governors and the governed. The indigenous element was ostracised and its voice was silenced, being in local press for the suppressed, now this retrograde policy reigns supreme. But now that all apprehensions are at an end, and the origin and the object of the revolt are known to the powers that be, we pray that your Excellency will be pleased to reestablish the old friendly relations between the two classes (of the governors and the governed), for in their living together in harmony, and in their mutual co-operation consists good government. We further pray that your Excellency will be pleased to restore our country to the intercourse of the civilized world by raising the suspension of its press, reserving, of course, all necessary powers to restrain effectively its abuse. In the native element and in the local press, when it is properly controlled and supervised, your Excellency will find sympathetic auxiliaries in the better administration of public affairs. Gloomy, without doubt, is the picture which we have just pourtrayed, but we nourish hopes that your Excellency by your long experience in the management of public affairs, by the brightness and force of your intelligence, and by your acknowledged patriotism, will succeed in surmounting all difficulties and signalize in the annals of India that period, which has been unknown and so prominent in the history of Portuguese Colonial administration. Your Excellency has fortunately for your superior a consummate statesman of an unsullied character, and one of the most prominent sons of Portugal, viz., Councillor Barros Gomes, the present Minister for Marine and Colonies. We, therefore, trust that the combined efforts of your Excellency and of that most respectable Minister of the Crown will render your administration glorious and fruitful. In conclusion, we repeat our salutations to your Excellency, and in your person to our August King, and take the liberty of requesting your Excellency to be good enough to permit us to submit for your wise direction, whenever we can, our humble suggestions anent various subjects pertaining to the public administration with the only object of placing our poor services at your disposal in the government of our native country which has been for a long time longing for a serious, energetic, and just administration.

THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S REPLY.

His Excellency Colonel Machado, in reply, spoke very highly of the Goanese community, and said that during his long career in the Colonies he had known many Goans whom he had found to be generally honest and loyal. Goans living in Bombay and elsewhere outside Goa were in a position to appreciate the measures adopted in Goa; the errors in the administration of Portuguese India had different origins, and the administration required a careful and th rough study. He would be only too happy to receive suggestions from the Portuguese community at Bombay in connection therewith. He said that just as the Portuguese community lived in Bombay under the protection of the English Government, so also a large Colony of Englishmen in the Province of Mozambique enjoyed the protection of the Portuguese Government, and compared the position of such with the hard position of Indians in Natal. Finally, he requested the committee to make such suggestions as they thought necessary from time to time and to send them to him in Goa.

THANA NEWS.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing on Sunday, says:—The committee received a further sum of Rs. 250 from the Mofussil, through Sir D. M. Petit, and Rs. 20, from Mr. Ardesir Shapoorjee Narielwalla, for the Famine-Relief Fund at Nargol, near Sanfan Station, in Umargaon Petha, Thana District. Total receipt of the sum to date, Rs. 1,704.—Mr. Jamsetjee Bomanjee has been appointed Subordinate Governments Pleader at Alibag, in the Thana District.—J. Mills, Veterinary-Major, is appointed an elected member in the Bandora Municipality.—The district report in the Revenue and Agriculture Department for the last week shows: Rain during week at Thana 18 inches 40 cents. In Talookas, maximum 15 inches 91 cents at Shapore; minimum 7 inches 88 cents at Kelva-Mahim. Total for season at Thana 90 inches 87 cents. Transplantation is in progress. State of standing crops is good. More rain wanted in Kelva-Mahim. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock good. Prices continue high. Rice (second sort) 6 seers per rupee at Kalyan and Bhewndee, and 7 seers per rupee elsewhere.—A young girl, belonging to Rao Saheb Shaligram Ramchandar's family, was found drowned in a well in Channee Street on Wednesday last.—It is reported that bubonic plague has now made its appearance again amongst the Mahomedan inhabitants of Kalyan.—Mr. John Serapis, a prominent member of the Portuguese community of Khatarwada, died of the bubonic plague in the Segregation Hospital, where he was removed by the Civil Surgeon, Thana, on Friday last. His aunt also died of the same malady and on the same day.—It is stated that the cholera epidemic has broken out among the men of the Bhoi caste of Bandheri and its vicinity.—There were 3 deaths from cholera in Thana on Monday, 2 on Tuesday, and 6 cases and 4 deaths on Thursday. Jamnadas Bhaidas, a Pardasi servant, died of cholera near Saraswati Mandir, on Monday. Dewraj Govindjee, his wife, daughter, and Pardasi servant died in Tembee Street on Thursday last. A Gujratee Bania died at Jambles, on Friday, and a Kasar woman died of cholera in Dajee Ramchandar Street yesterday.

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE MORTALITY.

THE cases of plague and the mortality therefrom reported to the Government during the week ending August 13, were as follows:—

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	12	10
Poona	14	12
Districts.		
Ahmedabad	3	2
Surat	1	0
Thana	3	0
Nasik	7	6
Poona	128	90
Satara	102	131
Kolaba	6	4
Territories.		
Baroda	4	3
Kolhapur	3	3
Cutch	52	30
Palanpur	5	3
Total	400	304

The mortality in the previous week was 222 and in the week ending July 30th 167.

The death-roll from plague now stands as follows:

Total mortality previously reported	30,575
" " Week ending August 13	304
Total	30,879

EXAMINERS AND EXAMINING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In support of the assertions made in my previous letter I have solved as briefly as clearness will admit of the 1894-95 Matriculation French paper of the Bombay University. Below I give a table of the actual writing required in the answer of each question to obtain one mark:—

18	words for	1	mark in	Qn.	1
14	"	" 1	"	Qn.	2
2	"	" 1	"	Qn.	3
12	"	" 1	"	Qn.	4
2	"	" 1	"	Qn.	5
12	"	" 1	"	Qn.	6
2	"	" 1	"	Qn.	7
10	"	" 1	"	Qn.	8
10	"	" 1	"	Qn.	9

In round numbers there are 730 words in the totalled answers, and the above table is obtained by dividing the total words in any one answer by the total marks assigned to that answer by the examiners.

Now it is obvious to the meanest capacity that questions 3, 5, 7 require the minimum of work for the maximum of marks; and, strange as it may seem, these are the very questions a crammer delights in, and, judging from the frequency with which such questions are set, the examiners delight in them still more: they are such as demand, on the part of all concerned—crammers, candidates and examiners—the minimum of brain power and, I regret to note, in the opinion of the examiners the maximum of marks, proportionally. In this particular paper, and it is a typical one, these questions carry 21 marks, almost sufficient for a pass, and all that is required to answer such is a little persistent drill of memory in its narrowest and lowest phases. Question 1 consists of five tricky idiomatic English sentences for translation into French which require a good knowledge of idioms, a more than average knowledge of accidence and synt x, and in addition real and effective brain power. In the case of this question a candidate has at a fair computation to write eighty-five words for which he can score five marks, whilst in question 5 he has to write twenty words for ten marks. The mental power in the former question is valued at nil and the actual writing at a rate nearly nine times lower than that of the latter. Question 2 consists of five difficult French sentences for translation into English which demand a sound knowledge of both languages. The reward offered is the same as for question 1. The whole of question 4 and part of question 6 demands precise and extensive knowledge of some of the most difficult and delicate points in the French language, and in addition considerable critical power. These extra efforts are treated as nothing and the actual writing proportionately with Question 5 preposterously small. Question 8 consists of a piece of continuous English prose for translation into French, the most difficult of all linguistic exercises; Question 9 of a piece of French prose for translation into English. In my humble opinion both passages are too difficult and too long. Native candidates are here compelled to work in two foreign languages, and every teacher with the minutest pretensions to the most elementary knowledge of his craft knows that such a task demands mental powers of a high order. To add to the difficulty the word "requiem" occurs in the latter of the two questions unaccustomed setting. The reward offered in my humble opinion is simply absolutely and emphatically absurd to the meanest intelligence and an insult to the understanding. This paper betrays a lamentable ignorance of the most elementary notions of mental processes and their respective values in any educational system; it is such papers as these which compel crammers to think almost as meanly of real mental power as examiners undoubtedly think of it. Where one finds the same questions almost word for word in school papers and in M. A. papers there must be something wrong somewhere. Again I ask who examines the examiners? Again I assert that the crammer is the product of the examinations in general and the examiners in particular. Again I assert that, however eminent a man may be in his own profession, he is not on that account fitted for an examiner and that they require special training and special qualifications. I have no animus against any examiner. I am not personally acquainted with any one of them; but after years of training as a teacher and after the study of education as a science and an art it is hard to asking to be compelled to earn one's daily bread by pandering to the worship of mere verbal memory and to see that true educational work is, relatively to that, valued at dung-hill prices.

I would make it absolutely impossible for cram pure and simple to pass one single examination.—Yours, &c.,

MATRIC CRAMMER.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE B. TYABJEE.)

DISPUTE ABOUT DIAMOND RINGS.

FATMABAI WIDOW VS. MAHOMED NASSAR AND OTHERS.

THE plaintiff, widow of Ali Dina Joomani, sued the defendants, who are the heirs and legal representatives of Hajee Faizula Khaklani, deceased, for a return to her of five diamond rings, or Rs. 3,000, their value; and also to recover the sum of Rs. 600, or such other sum as might be found to have been over charged to the plaintiff in respect of costs, relating to her petition for letters of administration of the estate of her deceased husband, &c. The Hon. Mr. Lang and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Thakurdas, Dharamsi, and Cama, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Anderson, instructed by Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani, appeared for the defendants.

The plaintiff stated that, in the month of August, 1892, she came down to Bombay from Muscat to obtain from the High Court letters of administration to the estate of her deceased husband. The late Faizula Khaklani was a relation of hers, and she entrusted to him the work of obtaining for her such letters, and paid to him a sum of Rs. 800, and gave him five diamond rings for sale, with a request to disburse, out of the sum of Rs. 800 and the sale proceeds of the rings, the cost of obtaining such letters and hold the surplus on her account. The diamond rings were of the value of Rs. 3,000. Faizula attended to the work, and he paid the costs thereof. After the grant of letters of administration, the plaintiff left Bombay for Zanzibar leaving the administration of her husband's estate in the hands of Faizula, in whose favour she executed a power of attorney on the 15th February 1893. Faizula recovered large sums of money due to the estate of the plaintiff's husband from various merchants in Bombay. He, however, died at Bombay on the 9th August 1894, leaving him surviving as his heirs and next of kin, according to law, the first and second defendants, his nephews, and the third defendant, his widow. The plaintiff, on hearing of the death of Faizula, returned to Bombay in the month of August 1894, when the defendants handed to her a book, which they alleged, contained accounts of monies received and received by Faizula, on her behalf and of his dealings therewith. The defendants also handed to her a statement of account in respect of monies sent to her or expended on her behalf, in which the expenses alleged to have been incurred in connection with the grant of the letters of administration were entered. The plaintiff got the book and the statement of account examined, when she found that no credit was given to her for the sale proceeds of the diamond rings. She also found that two sums, aggregating Rs. 1,775-12-0, were debited to her in respect of costs and expenses, alleged to have been incurred in connection with the grant of the letters. Plaintiff, thereupon required the defendants, in June 1895, either to return to her the diamond rings or pay to her the sum of Rs. 3,000, their value, and to produce vouchers showing the payment of the sum of Rs. 1,775-12-0, but the defendants had failed to comply with such request, and now denied that the diamond rings were handed over to the deceased Faizula. Plaintiff had recently ascertained that the amount paid by Faizula

ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

ADER's new telegraph for receiving messages on a long submarine cable is not unlike the siphon recorder of Lord Kelvin. In the recorder the electric current from the cable passes through a light coil of wire suspended between the poles of a powerful magnet, and free to work from side to side under the electro-magnetic action of the current, rocking motion is caused to actuate a siphon pen charged with ink, which draws a wavering line on a strip of travelling paper.

In Ader's instrument the coil is superseded by a long fine vertical wire, through which the current passes, and as the wire is drawn from side to side by the poles of the magnet, a ray of light from a lamp throws its wavering shadow on a travelling strip of photographic paper, which is automatically developed and shows the signals of the message as a white undulating line on a black ground. The new apparatus was tried on the Brest to New York cable and resulted in a gain of 50 per cent. in the speed of telegraphing through this French Atlantic line. It is to be adopted on this cable, together with a duplex system of telegraphing which will enable Pares to communicate directly with New York.

Sailors in French men-of-war are suffering in their eyesight, owing to the brilliant electric lights used on board. Grey and blue eyes, that is to say, eyes not heavily charged with bigments are the oftenest injured. It is proposed to provide the men with goggles, or screens of unranium glass, that is to say, yellow or canary-colour d glass, which intercepts the ultra violete rays. As it is, the men who work the search lights wear dark blue glasses, but this only mitigate the intensity of the light and do not absorb the ultra violet rays.

A new smokeless powder was recently brought before the American Chemical Society at Washington by Mr. Charles E. Munroe, its discoverer. "Indurite," as it is called, will keep six months even at a warm temperature without losing any of its explosive properties. The powder has been adopted in the American Navy; it gives a velocity of about 750 yards a second to the projectile of a quick firing gun.

According to a French scientific journal, the German "etat major" dissembles its operations with the greatest care, and but for the indiscretions of its intimate friends, we should never know what it undertakes. Perhaps it never meant us to know so much about the fight of carrier pigeons from Dover. Be that as it may, it appears that during the last two years a thousand quick-firing field guns have been added to the German artillery, which now comprises 509 batteries as against 462 French batteries. The supposed French superiority in artillery is therefore a thing of yesterday.

Moreover, for the past eighteen months, according to the "Revista Artilerei" of Bucharest, the German Army has been provided with a field observatory in lieu of the captive balloon. It is simply a long telescopic ladder mounted on a waggon drawn by four horses, and carrying a platform with a drawing table at the top. The ladder is in three lengths and the observer, taking his place on the platform, is gently hoisted into the air. The ladder stands on the cart, and is quickly shut up for transport after the reconnaissance is made. It is chiefly intended for isolated divisions of the Army, which are now obliged to send men up trees in order to observe what is going on at a distance.

It is a popular notion that our forefathers were bigger than we are, and that civili-ation tends to make men smaller. The idea received a shock when it was found that the old armour used in the Eglinton tournament was too small for some of the modern champions. Recent measurements of the skeleton would appear to show that civilisation tends to increase the size of men and women, and also to increase the difference of size between men and women. The subject was treated lately in a paper to the Royal Society by Alice Lee and Karl Pearson.

The Unied States Navy has been dropping bottles overboard in the Atlantic at the Azores, Canaries Madeira, and along the coast of Spain, with a view of studying the currents, and all the bottles recovered have been found in the Antilles, the Gulf of Mexico, and the east coast of South America. It would appear, then, that every floating object dropped in the Atlante by Spaniard, Portuguese, or Africans in prehistoric or early historic times must have stranded on the American coast between the 10th parallel of latitude south and the 30th parallel north. In the northern part of the Atlantic the currents flow the other way, and the parcel post has come from America to Europe.

In the North Pacific Ocean a mail of the kind runs from the Malay Peninsula and Archipelago (about the 20th parallel north) through the Chinese and Japanese seas to the west coasts of America from Mount St. Elias, Alaska, southwards. In the South Pacific a return mail goes from Chili and Piru to the South Sea Islands (Polynesia), and as far as Melanesia. In the Pacific there is also a counter service between the equator and the 10th parallel north; that is to say, the west coast of Central America. In the Arctic Ocean mails go from west to east, passing up through Behring Straits, across the Pole to East Greenland and round Cape Farewell to the south-west of that great island. The Arctic current from Baffin Land brought Eskimo mails as far south as Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. O. T. Mason points out that such currents conveying lost articles to great ditances would suggest the idea of making similar articles to far distant tribes, and that the Indians of Western America and Alaska, for example, might thus learn how to make Asiatic articles without supposing the arrival of Japanese or Chinese teachers among them.

A recent number of the "Society of Americanists," of Paris, contains an interesting article by Professor Hamy on a wampum belt, which is said to have been handed over at the treaty made with Frontenac in 1672, and also an article by the same eminent Americanist on six portraits of the Incas of Peru of unknown origin, discovered at Rochefort in an old house. They show the sumptuous dresses of the ancient monarch of the Quichuas.

According to Dr. Robert Bell, the Canadian who recently explored Labrados, there is a fish in the South of Hudson Bay which makes a nest of stones for its eggs. The fish is called "Awadesi" by the Indians, that is, "stone porter," from its habit of picking up pebbles in its mouth and heaping them on the bottom at such part selected where the water is not too deep. Some of these erections comprise several tons of stones, while others are quite small. The fish deposit their eggs among the stones.

The pilgrimage to Mecca this year was not attended with much mortality, owing to the north winds blowing in the middle of May. According to M. Proust, the most culpable negligence was shown by the authorities in the matter of sanitation, although the Turkish Government pays about £4,000 yearly for the cleansing of the city. About 80,000 pilgrims were present at the Feast of Sacrifice in the Valley of Mina, and of these about, 200 died during the three days of the ceremony. In the beginning of June, however, the plague broke out at Djeddah, and claimed among its victims Japanese, Egyptians, Indians, Javanese, Abyssinians, Soudanese, Arabs, &c. Happily, most of the pilgrims had returned homewards.

An immense quantity of tea is consumed in America, and Mr. C. V. Shephard, of Pinehurst, Summerville, South Carolina, has been cultivating the plant for several years. He began in 1892, but only raised a small quantity. Before the war of secession he had raised a number of tea plants, and these have run wild since then. The tea which he has grown lately is partly from this wild stock, partly from seeds imported from China and Japan. The winter of South Carolina is too cold for Indian or Ceylonese tea, but not too severe for hybrid Chinese of Japanese, and also some hybrid Assamese teas. In order to be profitable, however, the harvest should only extend to superior teas from the young leaves, as the manual labour of picking is very dear in the Southern States, and nobody has yet invented a tea-plucking machine. Mr. Shephard employs women and children for the purpose, and so has succeeded in making his experiment prosper.

A monument to Daguerre, one of the fathers of photography, was recently unveiled at Bry-sur-Marne, where he died in 1851. Cormeille-en-Parisis, where he was born in 1787, is not very far from it. He was a decorative painter, who, in default of work, took up with the panorama, and founded the diorama. In 1829 he joined with Niepce Saint-Victor to find a means of taking heliographs or pictures by sunlight, and in 1839 was shown the first photograph taken on a silver plate by Niepce Saint-Victor, a son of the former. The process was afterwards called Daguerreotype, after Daguerre, but although Dagurre supplied the means, and also assisted with his knowledge of chemistry the discovery must be regarded as a joint one.

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A HOME paper writes:—We referred lately to the case of the professor who received a violent blow and the head and "straightway forgot all his Greek;" but this doubtful benefit cannot compare with what has befallen a deaf mute named Tom Brassfield, in Iowa. He received a violent blow under the ear, which "instantly restored his powers of hearing and speech." We have heard blows described as "eye-openers"—although the opposite is the usual effect—and also of blows that loosen the teeth; but this is the first time we have heard of one which opened the ears and loosened the tongue.

USURY IN INDIA.

A PLEADER, writing to us from Poona, says:—Some months ago I troubled you with certain remarks or observations on the above subject, which appeared in your issue of the 2nd November last year. A few days back the "Englishman," under the heading—"The Subaltern's debts," referred to the same subject incidentally in these words:—

"In the abstract, no doubt debt of any kind is most undesirable and if military officers on small pay could be saved from incurring it, one of the greatest evils of military life in this country would be removed; but men can no more be hindered from running into debt by legislative enactment than can usury be prevented by any of the numerous measures that, from time to time, have been devised against it, &c."

On the former occasion, I think, I suggested that some special legislation was necessary, amending Act 28 of 1855, so as to enable the civil courts to award only legitimate and adequate interest on the sums actually borrowed by needy customers. The suggestions I have now to make, have been embodied in ready made sections, *mutatis mutandis*, amending the above Act.

Section 2 of the said Act runs thus:—In any suit in which interest is recover able the amount shall be adjudged or decreed by the court at the rate (if any) agreed upon by the parties, and if no rate shall have been agreed upon, at such rate as the court shall deem reasonable."

The preamble to the amending Act might be to the effect that whereas needy borrowers of money are imposed upon by shroffs or money-lenders, in that they get the former to execute bonds or instruments where by a larger amount of interest is secured to them than what would otherwise be allowed to them by law, or whereby interest equal to compound interest, and more is secured to them by means of the peculiar wording of such bonds or instruments, or whereby penal provisions are resorted to by them, to their own advantage and to the disadvantage of the borrowers, and it is necessary to relieve the latter from such imposition, disadvantage and penalty, it is enacted as follows:—

1. To section 2 of Act 28 of 1855, the following may be added:—

2A. "Provided that in adjudging or decreeing the amount as mentioned in the said section 2 of the said Act, interest (if any) shall be awarded on the actual or principal sum advanced and not on the sum named in the bond or instrument, as being the amount made up of the sum actually advanced, and the sum representing the payment or deduction in advance of the total interest on that sum for the full period of such bond or instrument, added thereto."

2B. "Provided also that in case, the total amount of interest for the full period, on the actual sum borrowed shall have been mentioned in the bond or instrument, to have been paid in advance or previously deducted, and the sum named in the bond or instrument shall have been made payable by instalments, no further or other interest shall be awarded on the amount of the instalment or instalments in respect of which default shall have been made, but the court passing the decree may, if it shall deem fit, allow interest on such instalment or instalments, at a rate not higher than six per cent. per annum, from the date or dates of such default up to the time of the passing of the Decree, whether the bond or instrument provide for payment of interest at a rate higher than six per cent. per annum, or not."

2C. "Provided also that if, by the terms of the bond or instrument,—the whole amount mentioned therein, is made payable at once in case of default of any one or more instalments, and if the full amount of interest shall have been mentioned to have been paid in advance on the sum actually borrowed, no further or other interest shall be allowed in adjudging or decreeing the amount, as mentioned in Section 2 of the said Act, but the Court passing the Decree may, if it shall deem fit, allow interest at a rate not higher than six per cent. per annum on the amount of the instalment or instalments in respect of which default shall have been made from the date when it or they fell due up to the date of the decree."

2D. "Provided also that in case it be provided in the said bond or instrument that, if the borrower left British India before the expiry of the full term or period thereof, the whole amount mentioned therein shall, at once, become payable, and in case the full amount of interest on the actual sum borrowed shall have been mentioned in the said bond or instrument, to have been paid in advance, no further or other interest shall be allowed in adjudicating or decreeing the amount as aforesaid, but the court passing the Decree may, if it shall deem fit, allow interest at a rate not higher than six per cent. per annum on the whole or any portion of the amount mentioned in the bond or instrument, as the case may be, from the day after the expiry of the full term thereof, up to the date of the passing the Decree."

I venture to think, that the amendment of the Act, as suggested above, will probably succeed as good law, as it will partly relieve the burden of usury laid on the shoulders of the needy borrowers and partly prevent the shroffs from reaping the full benefit of their trick. Some transactions which the borrower (however clever he may be in military tactics and however great in feats of valour and of art and science, is unable to understand until he finds he is imposed upon, in the manner the shroffs manage to impose on them.) But worse still, knowing of the imposition so practised on him, he consents to a repetition of the same unpalatable dose (perhaps oftener than not), for, his sickness is such that he can't do without it and must have it. Hence this piece of suggested legislation will most likely operate to deter the shroffs, who would otherwise also effect "good bargains" from insisting on their now exacting terms.

ILLUMINANTS FOR FRONTIER USE.

THERE can be no question of the value of illuminants for the purpose of meeting these night attacks by fanatical tribesmen on the frontier. The case of Wam and of the affair at the Panjkora river in the Chitral campaign showed the utility of even star shell in cases of this sort. But, as one correspondent says, star shell at the best are an indifferent device for the purpose. The light given by them is poor and fitful, and only lasts for a very few seconds. Often, too, the star shell refuses to act properly and gives practically no light at all. Moreover, it is heavy and bulky and the useful weight in it is particularly small. In fact, in a shell weighing, say, ten pounds, the illuminating material probably does not weigh more than the same number of ounces. Bearing in mind the frequency of frontier engagements and the probability that the tribesmen will resort to these night attacks more and more as they realise the effects of the modern rifle, it would certainly appear that the time has arrived when it is incumbent on the military authorities to face the situation and to devise some more satisfactory system of lightening the darkness. This could be done in two ways. At fixed posts of an important character, like the Malakhand, there can be no doubt but that there should be an installation of the electric light sufficiently powerful to give three or four search lights of, say, two thousand candle-power each. This would not mean a very large or cumbersome plant. It is well-known that the arclight is much more economical than the incandescent, and four lights of the power mentioned could easily be provided by a comparatively small engine and dynamo, to look after which one man should suffice. To meet the difficulty, if such exists, of providing fuel, an oil engine might be used. The whole could be obtained for a small sum and would certainly prove most economical in the long run. The sweeping beams of the search light would not only show up the position of attacking tribesmen in a way which bonfires and other indifferent substitutes entirely fail to do, but they would in many cases act as a positive deterrent to the ignorant hillmen, who fled even before the fitful glimmer of the star shell used at the Panjkora river. So much for the more important posts of a permanent character. For the smaller posts and for bivouacs when on the line of march it would be necessary to devise some other and more portable means of illumination. There should be no difficulty about this. We all know what a brilliant light is given by the common firework known as the Bengal light. Something similar, but on a larger scale, would be the very thing to use when the electric light was not available. It would be eminently portable, the whole of its weight except the few ounces which its paper case weighs would be useful weight, and it could be employed independently of the presence of artillery—an important consideration, seeing that it is small detached bodies that are most likely to be attacked. The ordnance factories at Kirkee and Dum-Dum if appealed to, would no doubt be able to make a light which would burn for, say, half an hour or more, giving out an illuminating power equal to a great many star shell. Such lights could be placed in position immediately in front of the obstacles and entanglements, and could be fired, by electricity if necessary—a small portable battery would suffice—at the first alarm from the sentries. At any rate the experiment is worth trying. The star shell is admittedly a poor affair and yet great value is placed on it by frontier officers. How much more valuable would be the infinitely more powerful and more portable lights we have described, which could be manufactured in India and delivered, at the front within a fortnight of receipt of the order.—*Pioneer.*

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THE CALCUTTA RIOTS.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

THE *Gazette of India* contains a report from the Bengal Government regarding the Calcutta riots. The general tenour of this will be seen from the following letters from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department to the Chief Secretary of the Bengal Government:—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 23th July last, on the subject of the riots which occurred at Chitpur and in the northern parts of Calcutta, on the 30th June and 1st July, in connection with the delivery of possession to the Tagore Estate, in execution of a decree, of a piece of land at Talia, containing a hut which was alleged to be a mosque. A letter from the Commissioner of Police, of 22nd July, contains particulars of the litigation in regard to the land at Talia, and the Government of India fully concur with the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor that Mr. James acted rightly in rendering assistance to the Civil Court in giving possession to the decree-holder. They are also of opinion that although the receiver intimated that he apprehended resistance the Commissioner had after his two interviews with the judgment-debtor no reason to anticipate that opposition would be given to the order of the Court. The deputation of the Deputy Commissioner with a police force to assist the officers of the Court in giving possession to the decree-holder was in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council a sufficient precaution, and in fact no assistance was offered by the judgment-debtor in pointing out the land to the decree-holder. It was not till after the decree-holder had been given possession that Himmat Khan and his friends resolved at the instance of evil advisers to retake possession of the land, and there was no disturbance for 30 hours after possession of the land had been transferred. The result of the action taken by Himmat Khan and those with him was that from dawn on the 30th June to 3 p.m. of July 1st there were riots in the Talia and Machooa Bazar sections of the town, to suppress which the military and Calcutta Light Horse were utilised, as well as the police. The disturbances, with the exception of the incident in Wellington Square, where hackney carriage was stopped and one of his assailants was mortally wounded by the occupant of it, are reported by the Government of Bengal to have been confined to the northern portion of the town. Fire-arms were eventually used by the police to suppress the riots, but the military and Calcutta Light Horse were not called upon to use their arms. The number of rioters killed is reported by the Commissioner of Police to have been 11; viz., six whose bodies were disposed of by their friends and five who subsequently died. The number of the rioters wounded by gunshots is estimated at 20, but in addition to these a number received injuries from the sticks used by the police in dispersing different gatherings who resisted them. During the progress of the riots 34 police officers and men received injuries which necessitated their being sent to hospital. In 12 cases these

INJURIES WERE OF A SEVERE NATURE.

No firearms were used by the mob, and no looting was committed, nor was any attack made on private houses. Attacks were made on several Europeans in the disturbed area. The Government of India share the view of the Lieutenant-Governor that these attacks were a deplorable incident of the disturbances. Although quiet was restored by the afternoon of July 1st, information was received on July 6th that a large number of mill hands had collected above Barrackpore and were coming to Calcuta, and it was also rumoured that men employed in the Howrah and Garden Reach Mills intended to join the rioters in the town. Precautions were taken to prevent the mill hands from entering Calcutta, but none of the men employed in the mills moved except above Barrackpore, and they were turned back without difficulty by the police and a few of the military sent out from Barrackpore. After the conclusion of the riot certain Mahomedan gentlemen issued a leaflet, on July 22nd, to the effect that the Maharaja Sir Jotindra Mohan Tagore had given the land to the Mahomedans. This statement was, however, promptly repudiated by the Maharaja, and his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor refused to countenance any compromise under the circumstances of the case. A second leaflet was, on July 27th, issued by six out of the seven signatories to the leaflet issued on the 2nd, in which it was stated the Maharaja had only a life interest in the property, and was unable to dispose of it. It was also explained in the leaflet that unless a piece of land is *wakf* no mosque can be built on it. There was thus no excuse or justification whatever for those who conspired to disturb the public peace on the unwarrantable plea that the proceedings under which the land at Talla was transferred to the possession of the receiver of the Tagore Estate constituted an interference with their religion. The Governor-General in Council desires to express his appreciation of the

COOLNESS AND FIRMNESS DISPLAYED

by the Lieutenant-Governor in all the action taken by him in connection with the riot. The Mahomedans had in 1891 in the adjoining quarter of the Sham Bazaar obtained their ends after a display of force, and they doubtless hoped to secure a similar result on the present occasion, and the Governor-General in Council entirely agrees with Mr. Stevens that any compromise or concession to them would in the circumstances of the case have been entirely unwarranted, as well as miscaievous. The action of his Honour in refusing to countenance any compromise has the entire approval of the Governor-General in Council. His Excellency also desires to thank Lieutenant-Governor for the prompt and effective measures taken by him in consultation with the military authorities to prevent the entry into Calcutta of bodies of mills hands, whose presence would have fostered excitement in the town, and probably have led to more lawless outbreaks. The Governor-General in Council cordially endorses the remarks made by the Lieutenant-Governor as to the readiness with which Lieutenant-Colonel Wilford rendered assistance to the civil power, and as to the help which the presence of the military gave in the suppression of the riots. His Excellency has learnt with pleasure that the conduct of all the detachments employed was excellent. His Excellency also shares the appreciation of the Lieutenant-Governor of the alacrity with which the volunteers offered their services towards the maintenance of order, and has been gratified to learn from the report of the military authorities that Lieutenant-Colonel Wilford found the Light Horse, under the command of Major Eddis, of the greatest use. The Governor-General in Council agrees with the Lieutenant-Governor that the conduct of the police force throughout the riots was excellent, and deserving of all praise. He is also entirly in accord with his Honour in thinking that on the occasion of the riot on the morning of June 30th there was

NO OCCASION FOR THEM TO OPEN FIRE

on the mob. They succeded in dispersing the mob, and in making a large number of arrests, without having to resort to fire-arms. In paragraph 6 of your letter under reply the opinion of Mr. Stevens is expressed that neither then nor in the morning when the attack was made on the Pumping Station at Talla would the use of fire-arms have been justified. It appears, however, during the attack, at the Pumping Station the police were actually compelled to fire with a shot gun, and viewing the situation in the light of subsequent events the Government of India think the Commissioner might have been better advised had he not left the guard of 25 men at Talia Pumping Station without fire-arms. On in the information before the Government of India it appears to them that there was also undue delay in relieving the guard at Talla. Relief appears to have taken place for about three hours after the assistance had been sent for. The success of the mob in keeping the police shut up in the Pumping Station for so considerable a time may, the Government of India thinks, have had the effect of reviving their excitement and encouraging them to think that they might prevail against the police. Had the police at the Pumping Station been in possession of their carbines it would have undoubtedly been their duty in the face of a mob, they were otherwise unable to controll,

TO HAVE USED THEIR FIRE-ARMS

and an effective fire at that stage would probably have had the effect of preventing the more serious outbreak of the succeeding morning. Mr. Bolton, the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, in his letter, states that both the Commissioner of Police and the Deputy Commissioner possess the powers of a magistrate of the 1st Class, and on the Commissioner rests the duty of suppressing disorder in the town. He is empowered as magistrate to invite the assistance of a military force should it be needed for the purpose of dispersing an unlawful assembly. Those actually concerned in the riots were mostly low-class Mahomedans, weavers, bricklayers, and bad characters of the disturbed area. Mr. Bolton adds: "There is no doubt many were concerned in the sham Bazaar riot, and it was probably these men who were most active in the resistance to the police, in obstruction of traffic, and in attacks on private individuals. In both cases the riots were got up by people of the neighbourhood, and many of the bad characters, Hindu and Mahomedan, joined those who were undoubtedly moved by religious feeling. On the present occasion the telephone wires were twice cut at Ballighattta on the 1st July as reported by the Deputy Commissioner of Police. A young Jew, named Cohen, is under trial for having cut the wire on the night of the 30th June, in Harrison Road, and there may possibly have been some connection between that case and the two others at Ballighatta. The attacks made on Europeans in the streets of the disturbed area were a very deplorable incident of the disturbances. They are explained to some extent by the intense excitement prevailing, and were perhaps chiefly committed by the bad characters who look for the advantage of excitement to molest respectable persons using the public thoroughfares. The Lieutenant-Governor much regrets that injuries should have thus been caused in the disturbances to private individuals, who had done nothing whatever to provoke such intense excitement. After noting, according to the Commissioner of Police, the disturbance lasted from dawn of June 30th to 3 p.m. on July 1st for about 36 hours, Mr. Bolton says: The Lieutenant-Governor has carefully considered the measures taken by the Commissioner of Police during this interval with the view of satisfying himself whether quiet might not have been restored earlier

BY THE USE OF FIRE-ARMS

in dispersing the first unlawful assemblies. It will be seen that the police had no difficulty in dispersing the mob on the morning of 30th June, actually arresting 74 of the men on that occasion. When again the attack was made on the Talla Pumping Station during the day the rioters were dispersed before the arrival of the Commissioner of Police. Neither then nor in the morning would the use of fire-arms have been justifiable. On the other hand the police appear to have been compelled to use their carbines on the next day at Ballighatta, as the mob refused to disperse, and made attacks on them. The Lieutenant-Governor considers the Commissioner of Police acted with judgment and due regard to law in abstaining from the use of fire-arms so long as the mobs could be dispersed without recourse to firing. The loss of life which has actually occurred is very regrettable, but it would have been far larger if the police had not acted with commendable moderation in dispersing the rioters. Mr. Bolton mentions that the question whether the permanent police force of the town should be strengthened will be considered, while a small committee, on which the mill-owners will be represented, will be appointed to consider the same question in regard to the police force maintained along the banks of the river. The operatives at the mills are very numerous and easily excited by evil advice, and it is desirable the police force should be adequate at all times to suppress promptly any riotous outbreak. There is also published a report from the Commissioner of Police. Mr. James, gives an account of the rites, and the measures he took to suppress them. Regarding

THE ATTACK ON THE PUMPING STATION

he states that the Inspector of Police fired two charges of snips shot into the mob, and the rioters fell back. In the attack some of the police were hurt, but none of the rioters were seriously injured."

The following paragraph occurs in the report:—Darkness set in with the 30th June up to 3-30 a.m., of the 1st July the middle portion of the Harrison Road was a scene of disorder. Both Christans and Hindus, whether on foot or in conveyances, were insulted and stoned. The road was cleared three or four times by the police, who had to fire a few shots, but the rioters collected again in some other spot. They pulled down the old wooden lamp posts and set fire to them; they also rolled out big drain pipes which were along the side into the middle of the road which effectually stopped wheel traffic. About 3-30 a.m., having received information that there was rioting going on I went out with half a company of the Gloucestershire Regiment that was kept in reserve at the Lall Bazar, and I charged with them *viz* Chitpore Road, to Harrison Road up that road to Halliday Street, and returned by Machoo Bazaar Street, but met with no resistance, nor saw any rioters about. In fact everything had become suddenly quiet. As the day advanced I received a report, about 9 a.m., from the Northern Division suburbs that the police had been attacked at the Raja Bazaar and that the Superintendent apprehended an attack at Ballaghatta Thana. I therefore sent out a body of European constables, armed with carbines and buck shot, under the Deputy Commissioner to Ballaghatta, while at the same time measures were taken to keep the disturbers of the peace well in hand in the parts of the town where they had been during the previous night. The Deputy Commissioner on his way to Ballaghatta found the rioters assembled in great force in Gas Street. They at once attacked him and his men by throwing stones and brickbats at them. He was therefore obliged to fire on them before he could disperse them and get on to his destination, from where he applied for reinforcements, and on his way back he was again attacked at the same place, but soon drove the rioters off. This was practically the last attempt the rioters made to resist the police, for by 3 p.m. there was not a sign of a rioter in the town or suburbs. Throughout the disturbance there was no occasion to call upon the military to fire, and the Calcutta Light Horse also did not make use of their arms.

Mr. James states that the rioters' chief object of attack was the police, but several Europeans were assaulted in the streets. The exact number of the latter is not known, but probably would be about a dozen, of whom three or four were badly hurt.

BOMBAY YARN IN CHINA.

MESSRS FRAMJEE HORMUSJEE AND CO'S. cotton circular dated, Hongkong July 28 says.—A further heavy decline in Rupee exchange, and a further rise in values have been the two principal features of the Yarn market during the past fortnight. Rupees have lowered from Dols. 156 to Dols. 152½ post, and against this decline, as also against anticipated short outturns of the next Cotton crop in Bombay owing to the absence of the South West monsoon during the last month, prices have been stimulated up to the extent of Dols. 1 to Dols. 2 in Nos. 20, 12 and 10, and Dols. 2 to Dols. 4 in some special descriptions of No. 16. Almost all No. 20s., as a consequence, have been valued during the period from Dols. 100 lowest to Dols. 108, the other counts following suit as under:—No. 16 from Dols. 93 to Dols. 107.—No. 12 from Dols. 85 to Dols. 97.—and No. 10 from Dols. 83 to Dols. 97. The experience of these high prices has seldom if ever been felt before, and holders, though chary at first under the stagger of the decline in rupees, have been latterly freely meeting dealers at the present range of prices, but the uncertainly of exchange, either one way of the other, has commenced to work on the latter, and the opinion has been gaining grounds amongst them the last few days that the present high rates do not admit of a margin in comparison with those of the country markets, nor do they admit of a fresh rise in values as the spell of short Cotton Crops has been greatly dissolved by wires from Bombay, especially by a much relied wire promulated by the Chartered Bank of the Monsoon being satisfactory during the last three weeks. The expected change in the weather in this country up at the North and heavy rains there during past week, have also had the effect of dissipating the idea of a short Cotton Crop in China, as well, and these changes have, during the last two days, heralded in the strong propensity for heave to amongst the dealers, and they now anticipate a decline rather than a rise in values. Sales, under the working of these several ideas in the market, have totalled well nigh 9,200 bales made up of:—

2,500 bales of No. 20 sold at dols. 93 to dols. 108					
950	"	" 16	"	" 93 to "	107
1,550	"	" 12	"	" 85 to "	97
3,900 bales of No. 10 sold at dols. 83 to dols. 97					
200	"	" 8	"	" 84 to "	90
100	"	" 6	"	" 81 to "	85

leaving unsold stocks—under arrivals of 11,000 bales and shipments coastwise and northwards of about 3,600 bales—at 7,000 bales consisting of

2,500 bales of No. 20		500 bales of No. 12	
800	" " 16	3,200	" " 10

Exchange on India has further slipped down Rs. 3½ and the closing rates are Rs. 152 wire and Rs. 153½ post. Japanese Soinnings to the extent of 800 bales No. 20 and No. 16 have been sold at dols. 105 to dols. 109 for the former and dols. 98 to dols. 104 for the latter.

Shanghai has been very much staggered by the heavy decline in Rupees, and the closing rates of Rs. 151¼ wire and Rs. 307 post as on the 23rd instant have been under the parity of Rupee rates in Hongkong. For a time there was consequently some intermission of business, as dea ers would not improve their ideas as to prices, nor would importers freely quit under the fear of a further drop in exchange; and, had it not been for the intercession of speculative brokers with higher ideas by Tls. 1 to Tls. 2, business would not have transpired even to the meagre extent of 2,500 bales as it has done. Sales comprise about.

1,200 bales of No. 20 sold at Tls. 77					to 81·75
450	"	" 16	"	" 76	to 80·75
100	"	" 12	"	" 74·50	
750	"	" 10	"	" 68·50 to 73·50	

leaving unsold stock at 2,500 bales. Of Japanese Yarns about 1, 400 bales No. 20 and No. 16 have been dealt in at Tls. 81·25 to Tls. 83 for the former and Tls. 79·50 to Tls. 81 for the latter. Of local spinnings no transactions have been reported.

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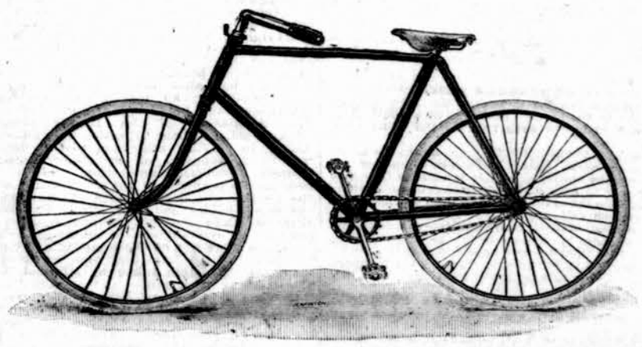

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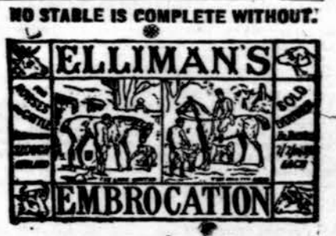

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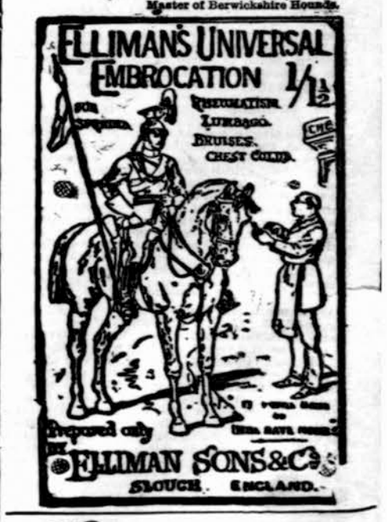

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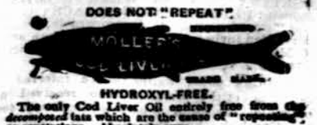

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